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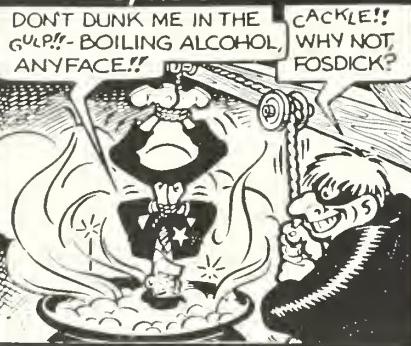
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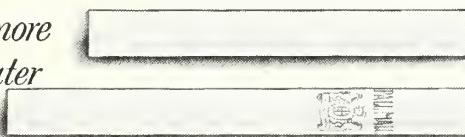
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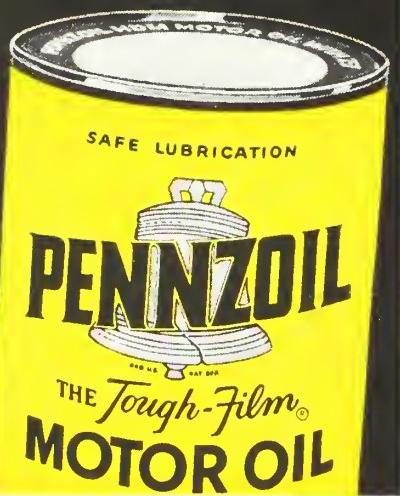
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SORRY, NOT ANGRY

Sir: I have just read Robert Andelson's article *You Conform or Else* in the August issue condemning the University of Chicago. I attended the University. I hold two degrees from it. I served three years at sea. I would go to sea again for this country against any enemy it may have. I am not angry with Mr. Andelson. I simply feel sorry that he is so thrown off balance by the academic climate of the University. That climate demands that all issues be thrashed out in the open, with all sides aired. Yes, there are some left-wingers on the campus. I have argued with them heatedly and often. But these left-wingers are not subversives who menace this country. What these left-wingers do is set out a viewpoint that conflicts with the majority opinion. I have yet to see an un-American idea triumph at the University of Chicago.

John R. Williams
Palm Beach, Fla.



ALL GOOD FELLOWS

Sir: You are anxious to find out how many former Junior Legion boys became topnotchers. I played Legion ball many years ago here in Yonkers and can probably name some men who are today topnotchers, as you call them. But in my estimation all the fellows I played with, and against, are topnotchers. By that I mean they are good substantial American citizens, enjoying a full life as fathers to their families and working hard at whatever their profession or vocation may be.

James Malcolm
Yonkers, N. Y.

THANKS FOR DIPPER

Sir: Let me congratulate you for printing and Mutual Broadcasting System for airing *An Eye on the Dipper*. It is encouraging to know the author realizes the danger of communist infiltration and subversion which exists today in so many communities. Perhaps the piece will give the American people a jolt, a jolt which they need badly. Too many people are standing

idly by while the commies proceed to take over our country right before their very eyes.

Clarice A. Larkin
Mount Morris, N. Y.

TAKE IT OFF!

Sir: I am a WW2 member of The American Legion and I would like to point out one of the little things with which Legionnaires seem to irk people. Even a uniformed member of the armed services does not wear his hat indoors, especially in a restaurant, nightclub, theater or railroad dining car, and being a Legionnaire is no excuse for doing so, nor does it carry the right to disregard the ordinary rules of politeness, courtesy and good manners.

R. Collier
Milwaukee, Wisc.

POINTS TO "FALSE STEP"

Sir: On a recent TV program *Youth Wants to Know*, I thought the announcer said the program was "sponsored by The American Legion." Maybe I'm wrong, I hope so. Otherwise it will look like the first false step the Legion has made in years. It was announced as a completely unrehearsed program, yet the youngsters all read their questions prepared in advance. Those about McCarthy were viciously slanted; there was not a fair one among them.

J. Noonan
Altoona, Wisc.

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Editors

SEWED UP, SIGNED UP

Sir: Can you top this? Recently, while a patient for major surgery with spinal block treatment, Herb E. Wilson, charter member of Paul H. Hughey Post 25, signed up for 1955 the surgeon, during the operation. The new member of Hughey Post is Dr. Thomas J. Hancock, of the staff of Fayette

County Memorial Hospital of this city. Herb eats, sleeps and even talks the Legion during trying times, and annually brings in his share of new members.

Thomas H. Craig, Jr.
Washington Court House, Ohio

A NOT K

Sir: I was very pleased to read the informative article by Tom Mahoney entitled *How Good Are Your Eyes?* in your July issue. Vision, one of our most precious senses, is often neglected and articles such as Mr. Mahoney's certainly prove enlightening to all. Wonder if anyone called your attention to the misprint on page 56, to wit: "Dr. George Wald of Harvard discovered vitamin K in these rods (referring to the retina) and established that lack of it caused night blindness." It is lack of Vitamin A which causes night blindness.

Frank A. Krajcik, O.D.
Stratford, Conn.

THINK IT OVER

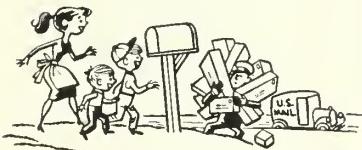
Sir: Merely an observation — there is approximately one communist in our country for each boy left dead in Korea!

Anne M. Spinner
Floral Park, N. Y.

LEGION TRAINED

Sir: In the article *You Conform or Else* reference is made to Students for America, a loyal group combating communists through chapters at some 100 universities and high schools of the nation. Might interest Legionnaires that the founder of Students for America, P.O. Box 2124, Hollywood 28, Calif., is Robert Munger, 1947 Hoosier Boys State Attorney General, and later West Coast Oratorical Champion.

Luther F. Meyer
Fort Wayne, Ind.



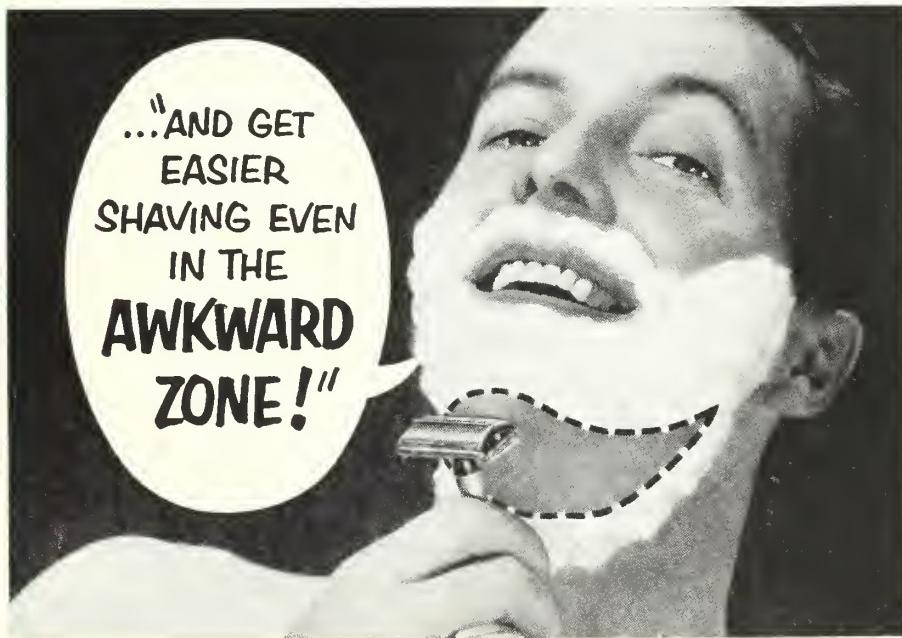
GOODS BY MAIL

Sir: The article *Money by Mail* in your September issue reminds me that I have felt obligated for some time to write telling you how much I appreciate the advertising in your magazine and especially *Products Parade*. A busy housewife and mother of two growing youngsters does not have time to roam through the stores hunting some little gadget to stop the screen door from slamming, or to look for just the right shade of thread to alter that birthday dress Aunt Dorothy sent Judith, or to find a billfold with enough inserts to accommodate Daddy's passes. These are just a few

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From where I sit by Joe Marsh

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Handy painted a warning on the tailboard of his truck: "Caution—blind man driving."

"Had driven about a mile," Handy says, "when a state trooper stopped me and told me that sign might be misunderstood and cause trouble. Guess he was right. From now on I'll advertise in the *Clarion*."

From where I sit, I agree—the highway is no place for jokes. We all ought to be considerate of the other fellow when we're driving. In fact, let's respect our neighbor's right of way always. Then, when we have differences of opinion—say about the best route to Centerville, or whether beer or buttermilk is better with lunch—there will be less chance of anybody developing any "blind" spots.

Joe Marsh

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MASTER PLAN

WE ARE indebted to Joe Jenkins, immediate Past Department Commander of Florida, for an interesting document he obtained from State Attorney George A. Brautigam. This is an official Communist Party "Rules for Revolution," which gives a pretty graphic picture of what we see happening all about us today. Here it is, verbatim:

A. Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial, destroy their ruggedness.

B. Get control of all means of publicity and thereby:

1. Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.

2. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.

3. Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and obloquy.

4. Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.

5. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

6. Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders.

7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues, honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

C. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

WHAT COUNTRY IS NEXT?

YOU may be sure the busybodies in the Kremlin have not given up in Latin America just because they have had a setback in Guatemala. The question is, what country is likely to be next on their priority list?

Direct from Chile comes the report you will find on page 16 which indicates that that country is rapidly boiling up into another Guatemala. Confirming what William Wells describes, the *New York Times* recently published a piece by their reporter Sam Pope Brewer, with the following conclusion:

"Reliable Chilean sources say the com-

munists are stronger among school teachers, writers and artists than in labor unions. They cannot dominate labor's vote but they can influence the thinking of the whole country."

That's precisely what we've been saying all along about communist infiltration—at home and abroad. The reds usually get little aid and comfort from the workingman; they find their allies among those who don't have callouses on their hands.

Also, it is hard to understand why so many newspapers readily accept the fact that communists in other countries try to influence public thinking as Brewer describes, but refuse to admit that the reds operate in precisely the same way here in the United States.

WHAT'LL THEY DO?

SOME TIME AGO we published an article *Why You Buy Books That Sell Communism* which told how certain newspapers and magazines were able to manipulate the book publishing industry through their book reviews. The article showed how these publications, seemingly as a matter of policy, favored authors plugging the commie line and either ignored or bitterly opposed authors who attacked communists or communist skulduggery.

Since then we have published other material showing how this system operates to the detriment of the American people. The most recent article on this subject *Who Are The Censors?* appeared in our July issue.

The reason we mention all this is because during November an unusual book will be placed on sale, *The Untold Story of Douglas MacArthur*. It is by the well known Frazier Hunt, and the publisher is Devin-Adair. The price, incidentally, is \$5.00.

Now it is no secret that General MacArthur is not held in high regard in certain publishing circles, so it will be interesting to see what happens when they get around to reviewing this book about him. We don't think it's the kind of book that can be ignored, nor can it be tossed aside as "a political tract," a term used in certain reviewing circles to describe a book whose views are distasteful to them. But whether readers are urged to buy a book friendly to this great American patriot is what we want to see.

Watch along with us for the reviews of *The Untold Story of Douglas MacArthur*. It'll be interesting to see which way the chips fall.

As for publications like *The Nation* and *The New Republic*, it's a foregone conclusion what they'll do about it.

MORE ABOUT MAC

ANOTHER interesting book about the General who was so old-fashioned that he thought he was supposed to win the Korean War is entitled simply *MacArthur 1941-1951*. Authors are Maj. Gen. Charles A. Willoughby, who was General MacArthur's Chief of Intelligence during that period, and John Chamberlain, the distinguished journalist. Published by McGraw-Hill, it sells for \$5.75.

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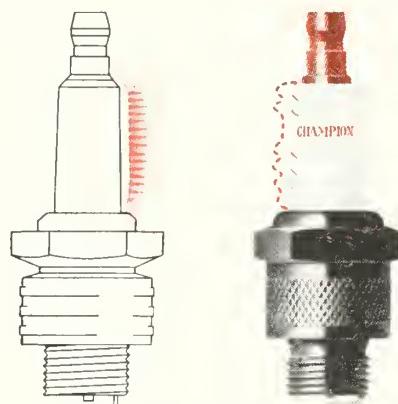
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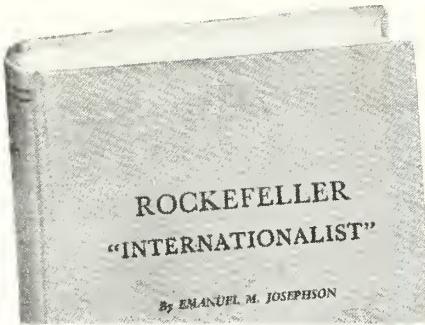
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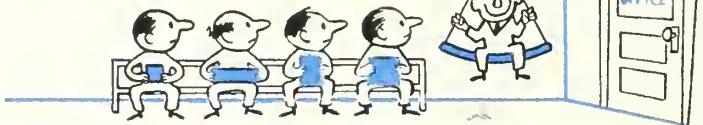
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A sampling of items which are in process of development or are coming on the market. Mention of products in no way constitutes an endorsement of them, since in most cases they are described as represented by manufacturers.

NEW KIND OF PEN

A new kind of fountain pen which combines the flexibility of the nib point with the convenience of the cartridge refill, has been announced by the Waterman Pen Company, Seymour, Conn. Called the Waterman C/F, it is said by the manufacturer to represent the first basic change in the design of a pen since 1884. To fill the new pen, all you do is slip a sealed ink cartridge into the barrel, with neither hands nor pen tip touching the ink. The pen costs \$15 plus tax and refills cost 50¢ for eight.



PLASTIC ALUMINUM

Another new do-it-yourself item is Duro Plastic Aluminum being offered in cans and tubes by The Woodhill Chemical Co., Cleveland, Ohio. Coming in the form of a putty, it can be worked much like plastic wood. No heat is required and it can be applied with a putty knife or brushed on. It dries metal hard in only a few hours. According to the manufacturer, it adheres permanently to aluminum, steel, copper or any metal or metal alloy, as well as to wood, glass, ceramics, plastics, etc. The price of a 12-ounce can is \$1.35 and a 5½-ounce tube is \$1.00.

3-WAY MIRROR

A new rear-view mirror with a three-way control that permits you to "tune in" the effect you wish has been announced by the Liberty Mirror Division of Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Co. Called the Liberty Mirror it ends glare by literally splitting light beams, allowing the reflection of only certain colors and certain intensities. Resembling a conventional rear-view mirror, it has a chrome frame and a knobbed "gear shift" on the under side. The glass itself is mirrored on the rear surface with a glare-resistant metal and is coated on the front surface with three microscopic films which make up the beam splitter. Moving the

gear shift lever through three positions tilts the mirror slightly and gives different reflections for each driving condition. The mirror will retail for about \$7.50.

ELECTRICAL SMOKE HOUSE

A portable gadget which permits you to smoke your own meat at low cost is being offered by Reuland Electric Co., 3001 W. Mission Rd., Alhambra, Calif. This is an appliance which uses electricity to ignite hickory sawdust, giving a hot-smoked flavor in from two to four hours. According to the manufacturer it can smoke up to 20 pounds of meat for less than 25¢. It is made of galvanized steel and weighs 20 pounds. The price is \$19.95 postpaid.

BATTERY WELDING

An automobile storage battery of either six or twelve volts can be used as a power source to spot weld or solder, through use of a tool called Weldall being marketed by Tip Top Electric Products Co., 1440 Broadway, New York City 18. Generating 2000° heat, this tool is said to be capable of making a clean, strong, industrial-type weld and can solder faster and better than any conventional soldering iron. The Weldall has jaws resembling those of pliers, and these are made of carbon which serve as electrodes. These electrodes are replaceable. A switch set in one of the handles turns the current on and off. Retailing for \$14.95, the Weldall is guaranteed by the manufacturer.

AMERICAN HISTORY

Two items have been called to this department's attention which bear mentioning because they help make American history interesting. One is a set of plastic miniatures of all the Presidents of the United States, available from House of Miniatures, 1384 Lexington Ave., New York City 28, at \$5.25 postpaid.

The other is a refresher course in American history in a handsome calendar prepared by Clem Boddington, the artist-historian. The upper portion of each page has drawings of famous battle scenes, heroes, etc., and the lower portion contains text history paragraphs for every day of the month, from 1492 to 1954. The calendar sells for a dollar from Boffer Business Service, Port Authority Building, New York City 11.

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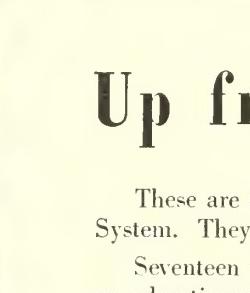
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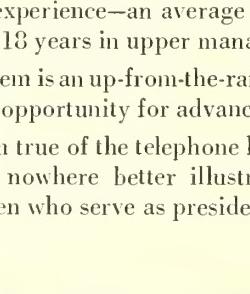
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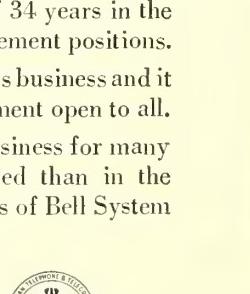


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President of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Started as a *clerk* in San Francisco in 1912 at \$50 a month.



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President of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. Started as a *clerk* in Atlanta in 1907 at \$18 a month.



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President of the New York Telephone Company. Started as a *clerk* in New York in 1919 at \$35 a week.



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He couldn't get off the ground

By DONOVAN FITZPATRICK

The cure to Dudley Cochrane's ailment turned out to be pleasanter than he thought.

DUDLEY COCHRANE, a young man with innocent eyes and a harried expression, looked hopefully at the psychiatrist. "You think it'll work, doc?"

The gray-bearded man shrugged. "Who can say? Yours is a very unusual case, my boy. But you have nothing to lose, have you?"

"No," Dudley sighed. He stood up and reached for his hat. "I'll try it, doc. I'm desperate."

He left the office and drove swiftly across the Queensboro Bridge and out upon Long Island, where he came at length to the West Hills Airport. Dudley left the car and inspected the set-up with considerable misgivings. West Hills was a small, private field with turf runways and a couple of hangars. Between the hangars was a small, two-story structure with an outside stairway leading to the second floor. A sign read: Office Upstairs. MICHAEL HURLEY, Manager. This, Dudley decided, was his destination, but the mere thought of climbing the stairs caused him to tremble violently.

There was a sound from above. A big man with a red face and no hair appeared in a window, regarding Dudley amiably.

"Are you Mr. Hurley?" Dudley called up.

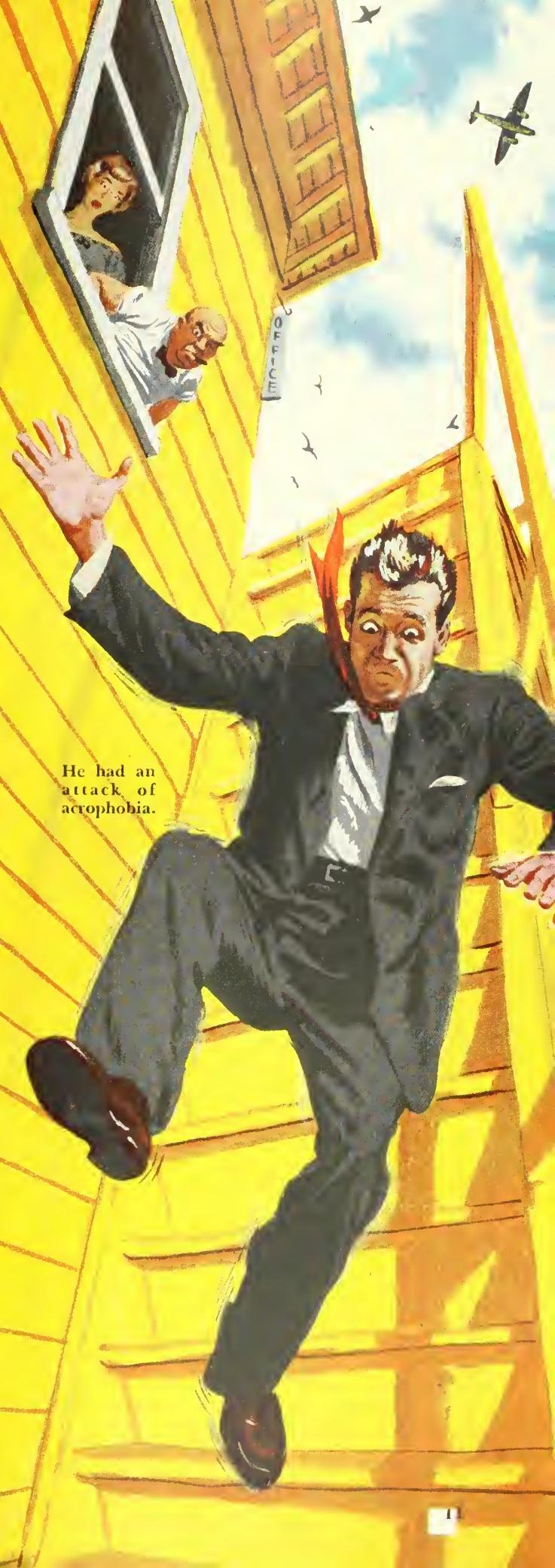
"The same. What's on your mind, lad?"

"I want to learn to fly," Dudley said.

"Not strange," Hurley said. "Come up and we'll talk it over."

"Well, you see, I—" Dudley began, when a girl appeared in the window beside Hurley. She was fair of face and figure and Dudley, enchanted, forgot his affliction. "Be right up," he said recklessly, and bounded up the stairs. He got to the eighth step before it hit him. Deep in the subconscious, wheels began to turn and gears to mesh. He stumbled, stopped. His legs shook and his face paled. He whirled and leaped to the ground.

He had an attack of acrophobia.





He opened his eyes, felt his pulse, wiggled his toes.

(continued) HE COULDN'T GET OFF THE GROUND

Hurley and the girl watched in astonishment. "What's the trouble, son?" Hurley asked.

"I've got a problem," Dudley gasped. "You'll have to come down."

Hurley left the window and came lumbering down the stairs, followed by the girl. He introduced her as Elizabeth Ives, one of the flight instructors.

"Hello, Elizabeth," Dudley said. "Do you mind if I call you Liz?" He was by this time sufficiently recovered to note that she was constructed along sound architectural principles, with such added decorative assets as sea-green eyes and hair the exact color of sandstone.

Hurley said, "What happened on the stairs—stunble?"

"No," Dudley admitted. "Acrophobia."

"Acrophobia," Elizabeth said. "Morbid fear of high places." She stared at

Dudley and shook her head. "Oh, my!"

"That's right," he said unhappily. "I've had it three days. Can't bear to get off the ground. I'm an architect and it's ruining my business. My offices are on the thirty-fourth floor of the Empire State Building and I can't get within thirty-three floors of the place. It's terrible. If Mr. Elingwood hears about it, he'll never give me the contract."

"Who's Elingwood?" Elizabeth wanted to know.

"A big department store tycoon," Dudley said. "He's going to build a new store in New York. I submitted my designs a couple of months ago, but I certainly couldn't supervise the construction in my condition."

Suddenly he was aware, as he stood close to Elizabeth, that he felt strangely calm. He looked at her with even greater interest, wondering if she had

anything to do with the feeling.

"What you need is a mind mechanic," Hurley said kindly.

"I've been to a mental doctor," Dudley said. "He diagnosed my trouble as a kind of delayed shock—I almost fell off a building last week. The doctor suggested that I take flying lessons, on the theory that when I learn to control an airplane—become master of the upper air, so to speak—it might get rid of the trouble. Do you follow me?"

"Barely," Hurley said. "Who's your psychiatrist's psychiatrist?"

They were joined at this point by a young man with dark glasses and a scanty mustache, whom Hurley introduced as Grover Forbes, the other flight instructor. Hurley briefed Grover on the situation.

"Nonsense," Grover said immediately, eying Dudley coldly. "We don't want any neurotics around here."

In spite of his fear of high places, Dudley felt his temper rise. "This is just a temporary aberration," he protested. "Flying may cure it."

"Rubbish," Grover said. He went up the stairs to the office.

Dudley turned to Elizabeth. "I'd like to put myself in your hands, Liz—aeronautically speaking. When can I have the first lesson?"

"Well, we might try an orientation flight, to see if you could take it without falling apart. How about it, Mike?"

Hurley deliberated. "I guess there's no harm in it."

Dudley walked with Elizabeth across the field to the hangar line. The strange feeling of serenity was still upon him, and he inspected Elizabeth with all the enthusiasm he usually reserved for blueprints. "I'll bet you're the prettiest airplane driver in the country, Liz."

"Look, Dudley," Elizabeth said. "In the interests of aerial safety, if nothing else, our relationship must remain strictly on a student-instructor basis."

"You sound like the Gallant Birdman," Dudley said. "Are you engaged?"

"Grover? No, not really. We date a lot, though."

"Good," Dudley said. "Is this airplane safe? It looks awfully small."

"Guaranteed, or your money refunded," Elizabeth said. "Hop in."

She taxied onto the runway and punched the throttle. The little yellow plane lifted its tail and skimmed down the field. Dudley closed his eyes and waited for a full dose of the screamies.

Nothing happened. He opened his eyes. They were three hundred feet in the air, climbing in a wide circle. Cautiously he felt his pulse, wiggled his toes. He felt fine.

"Liz," he yelled above the engine. "It worked. I'm cured."

"Are you sure, Dudley? I remember my psychology professor at Wellesley saying that the disintegration of the personality, following a severe traumatic shock—"

"I probably had a fast re-reaction," Dudley said. "Let's go down."

"You're paying for a half-hour's flying time," Elizabeth said. "You still have twenty-five minutes left."

"I'd like to fly around with you for twenty-five years," Dudley said, "but I'm behind in my architecting. Besides, there may be word from Mr. Elingwood."

They met Grover at the bottom of the stairs and Elizabeth told him the happy tidings. Grover looked completely baffled: "Craziest thing I ever heard of."

"Goodby, Liz," Dudley said softly. He watched her walk away with Grover, out of his life forever. Sighing, he turned and bounded up the stairs, eager to pay Hurley and be off to Manhattan.

This time he got almost to the top step, but the screamies came as before. He paled, shuddered, vibrated. Glassy-eyed, he uttered a howl of anguish and leaped for the solid ground.

Elizabeth and Grover rushed back. Hurley clumped down from the office. "Lad, it's the devil himself that's got you," Hurley said. Dudley, bent over and gasping for breath, was inclined to agree.

Elizabeth put a sympathetic hand on his shoulder. "Gee, Dudley, I'm sorry. I thought you had it licked."

At her touch, Dudley straightened up. The beautiful feeling of calm passed over him like a wave. He stared at Elizabeth. "It's true," he croaked. He took her by the hand and started up the stairs. Up they went, until they reached the top and entered the office.

Elizabeth looked at him wide-eyed. "You mean—I—?"

Dudley nodded solemnly. "Liz, you're it. When I'm with you, I'm not afraid of height. We must have an affinity or something."

"Well, I'll be darned. My psychology professor at Wellesley never told us about anything like this."

The phone rang. Dudley's office was calling. He listened attentively, hung up, groaned, and slumped into a chair. Furrows appeared on his brow.

"Bad news?" Grover asked.

Dudley sagged deeper in the chair. "Mr. Elingwood is in town and wants me to meet him for dinner tonight." He exhaled heavily. "It looks like I'm going to get the contract, all right."

"Fine," Grover said. "You'd better hurry."

"There's a slight difficulty," Dudley said, turning to Elizabeth. "He left word for me to meet him at the Moon-Light Room. Do you know where that is?"

"Sure," Elizabeth said. "In the Shelborne Hotel, Central Park South."

"More correctly, *on* the Shelborne Hotel," Dudley said. "Twenty stories up." He regarded Elizabeth speculatively.

"Well, really," Grover said. "Tell him you prefer to meet him some place else. In a subway. Or Macy's basement. Tell him you're stricken with acrophobia."

"I can't do that," Dudley said. "He wouldn't have any faith in my ability to build his store if he thought I had a mental quirk." He looked hopefully at Elizabeth.

"See here," Grover said, jumping to his feet. "If you think Elizabeth is going to chaperone you tonight, you're crazier than I thought you were."

"Oh, why not, Grover?" Elizabeth said suddenly. "We were only going to the movies."

"I don't want to spend an evening watching you play nursemaid to this mental misfit," Grover said heatedly. "Besides, it's a western picture."

"That does it," Elizabeth said. "Anyway, I feel a certain responsibility to Dudley. In a way, he's my problem; I can't forget that."

"I could," Grover said gloomily. "Very easily."

WELL SCRUBBED and nattily attired in a dinner jacket, Dudley paced the lobby of the Shelborne in a nervous twitter.

He entertained dark thoughts of Elizabeth and Grover eating popcorn in some far-away movie, Grover laughing merrily. This was naturally followed by thoughts of Mr. Elingwood, who was looking for another architect and not laughing. But they arrived only ten minutes late, and Dudley forgot his fears at sight of Elizabeth. She wore a green evening dress and an orchid in her hair and looked lovely. Grover wore tails and looked mad.

On the twentieth floor the Moon-Light Room was filled with dignified couples swaying to the music of an orchestra in red coats. The glass canopy was rolled back, and a splendid view of Manhattan was available for the looking, plus a slight cover charge, but Dudley kept his eyes lowered and stayed close to Elizabeth as they followed the waiter to the table where Mr. Elingwood was already waiting.

T. S. Elingwood was small but well-padded, with three chins and a great many department stores. Dudley introduced the others as his "associates." Elingwood beamed at Elizabeth. Throughout dinner he tried to hold one of her hands under the table, but unsuccessfully; Dudley, for medical reasons, was holding the other one, and she had to have something to eat with.

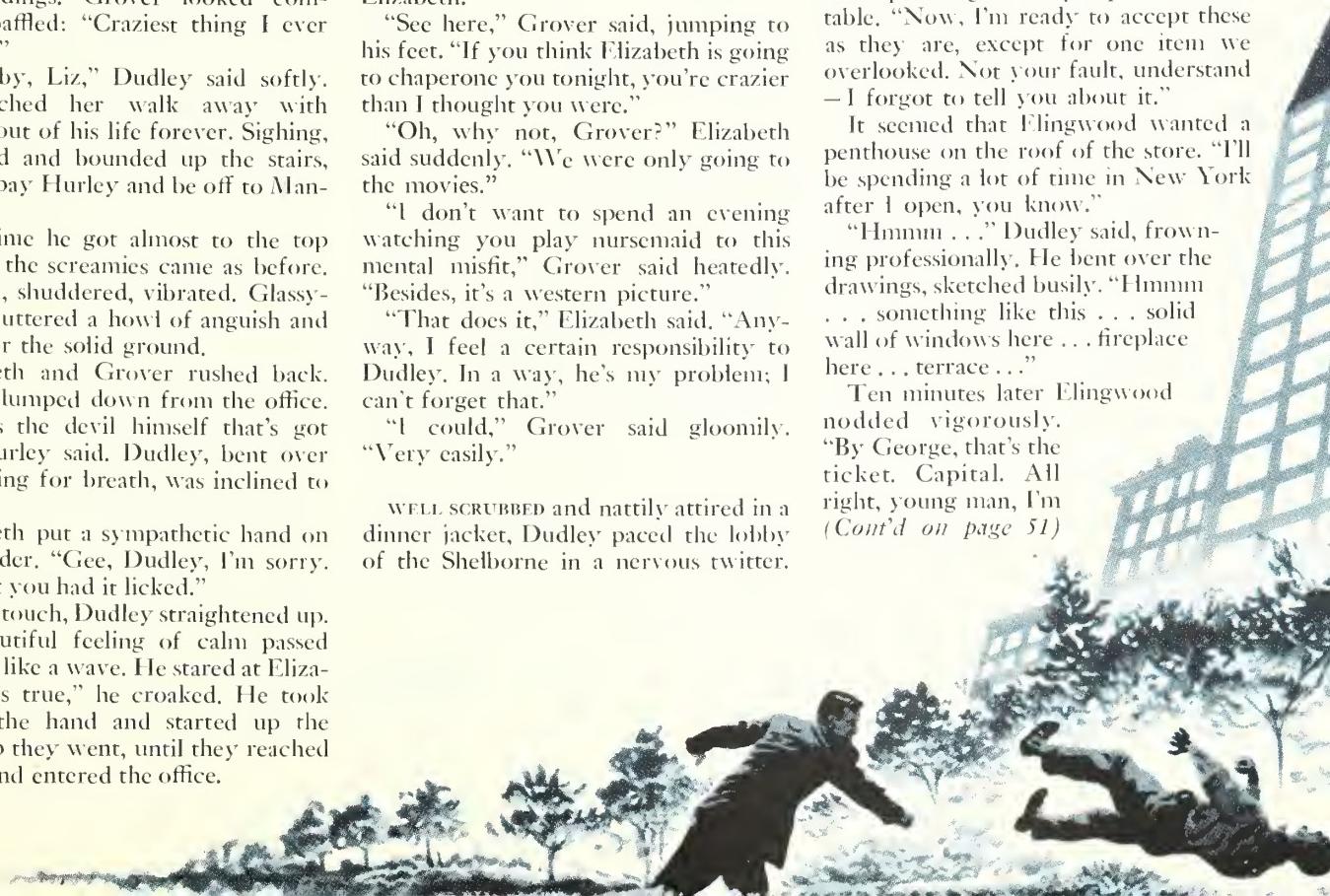
The tycoon ate a tremendous meal, as did Elizabeth. For Dudley and Grover the dinner passed with appalling slowness, but finally the waiter cleared the table and Elingwood got down to the business of the evening.

"Like your designs, young man," he said energetically, unzipping a brief-case and spreading Dudley's plans on the table. "Now, I'm ready to accept these as they are, except for one item we overlooked. Not your fault, understand—I forgot to tell you about it."

It seemed that Elingwood wanted a penthouse on the roof of the store. "I'll be spending a lot of time in New York after I open, you know."

"Hmmm . . ." Dudley said, frowning professionally. He bent over the drawings, sketched busily. "Hmmm . . . something like this . . . solid wall of windows here . . . fireplace here . . . terrace . . ."

Ten minutes later Elingwood nodded vigorously. "By George, that's the ticket. Capital. All right, young man, I'm (Cont'd on page 51)



How to PICK



You may live longer and feel better if you find the right physician.

By TOM MAHONEY

A BACHELOR GIRL hanging drapes one Sunday fell and broke her wrist. Blinded by pain, she dragged herself to the telephone, opened the red-book with her good hand, and dialed the number of the doctor whose name appeared on the top of several columns of physicians and surgeons.

"Doctor is away for the week end," a crisp answering service responded.

The next answering service coolly made her spell her name and address



One way to get started is to get names and check them later.

hours after it was broken her wrist was set. The girl later recounted her difficulties in a letter which the *New York Herald Tribune* published.

When I read it, I asked a doctor friend whether it could possibly be true. "I'm afraid it can," he said. "There's no excuse for the treatment she received, but it just goes to prove the old adage



Your county medical society can give you leads which will prove helpful.

before promising to relay the inquiry "in case the doctor should call in."

In terror now, as well as agony, the patient staggered into the street and got a cab to rush her to the nearest hospital. There a receptionist regretted that nothing could be done until Monday, when the hospital's bone specialist and its x-ray technician would be on duty. From a public booth in the hospital lobby, the by now tearful girl managed to telephone a friend who sent his own doctor to her rescue. Three



Another good source of information is your neighborhood druggist.

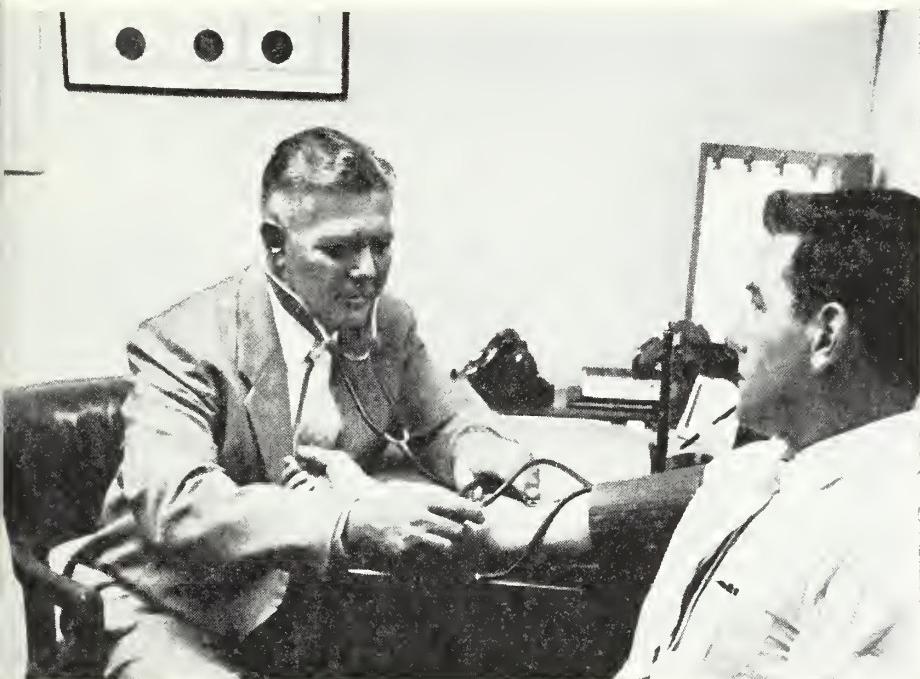
that it's better to know one physician well than to know ten physicians. It couldn't have happened to her if she had the number of her own family doctor crayoned across the cover of her telephone book, or if she had lived in one of the 666 counties whose medical societies have a special number for emergency calls. Incidentally, I've noticed that the people who complain they can't get a doctor are just the ones who have never taken the trouble to make one doctor their own."

The appalling fact is that half the population is in the same boat with the aggrieved lady. Too many of us have no regular family physician. Thanks to the medical tradition of service, cases like the broken wrist are rare. A doctor is usually found for these medical orphans and there is only an outside chance that the man who answers the call will be an out-and-out imposter, a quack, or a gross incompetent. In most cases, he will simply be the licensed physician who is nearest or who happens to be free at the moment—and neither circumstance is necessarily a recommendation. It is luck indeed, and luck beyond deserving, if he turns out to be the wise and sympathetic friend a frightened human being instinctively wants.

Your doctor is literally the most important friend you can have. The day will come when your very life depends on his skill, his integrity, and most important, your confidence in him. For the latest word in medicine is the rediscovery, through psychoanalysis, of what the horse-and-buggy doctor knew instinctively—that patients are healed as much through their relationship with the doctor as they are by the truly wonderful drugs and procedures which have earned medicine the right to call itself a science as well as an art.

You want a doctor in whom you and

A DOCTOR



You can size up a doctor by having him give you a physical examination.

your relatives have confidence. The late Dr. Harvey Cushing, world-famous brain surgeon, once spoke of this requirement of a doctor in these words: "This requires on his part an understanding of human nature, abounding unselfishness, unflagging sympathy, and observance of the Golden Rule. It calls for the exercise of that sort of benevolent common sense in the handling of many domestic problems, not always relating to ill health, which so often makes the general practitioner an indispensable familiar in those households that have learned to accept him as a trusted confidant and adviser."

As Dr. Martin Gumpert, the noted authority on aging, points out, a good doctor "can perform for us the role of an objective conscience which views us with detachment and pronounces a verdict uninfluenced by the self-pity and wishful thinking that invariably colors our own thinking. He can reveal to us wherein we are strong, where wrong and weak, and often he can predict when and how our critical periods will arise. . . . The doctor usually knows the patient better than the spouse knows the patient, and if he does not, he should

not be his doctor."

If the doctor is himself the medicine, you certainly want a hand in choosing him. That's what the American Medical Association means when it fights for "free choice of physicians." The trouble is that patients seldom use the limited amount of choice most of them have. Most people, doctors say, are likely to show more intelligence, judgment, and circumspection in choosing their vacuum cleaner, whiskey or lipstick than they do in selecting a doctor. Some patients have baseless prejudices against young doctors or women doctors, though one of these may be as competent as any available for the case.

Just look at what people do. A woman in New York City obtained the name of a friend's doctor and set out to call on him during his office hours but went into another doctor's office by mistake. She liked the looks of the place, stayed on for a consultation, and has been his contented patient ever since. A woman moving into a new

house in Passaic County, New Jersey, asked the milk company salesman and a brush company salesman who called on her to recommend a doctor. Following the example of the local medical society, each of these visitors gave her three names. She simply chose the doctor who happened to be mentioned by both—and is very happy with him, too. So many people choose their doctors from the classified section of the phone book that doctors whose names begin with A are said to have an alphabetical advantage in building a practice.

Nothing is more patently absurd than the reasons patients give for their choice. They will like a doctor because he is young and must be "up on all the new things," because he is old enough to have lots of experience, because he pulled the neighbor's baby through the measles (there is no real medical treatment for the measles!), because he charges less than the other doctor, because he belongs to the golf club, lives next door, or is "so nice."

It's a real question whether any layman can do much better. After all, the only judge of a doctor is another doctor—and they are honor-bound not to discuss each other with the laity most



A doctor's waiting room and his nurse provide clues. But note especially the kind of patients.

personally involved. Within professional circles, however, they are constantly appraising each other for skill, integrity, and a mysterious medical intuition in diagnosis. Their criticisms of each other would surprise you.

Patients become dissatisfied with a doctor who "doesn't seem to know what's wrong"—particularly if he passes them on to specialists or subjects them to uncomfortable tests which make them feel like guinea pigs sacrificed to

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WILL CHILE BE NEXT?

Communism has reached the point in Chile where
the anti-communists are having a hard time.

By WILLIAM WELLS

THE COMMUNISTS are far from through in Latin America. Their defeat in Guatemala has only given them new impetus in other American republics. Moscow's agents are busily at work today trying to discredit the United States, to disrupt inter-hemisphere cooperation and good neighbor relations, and to make the Marxist doctrine replace democratic institutions. Recent developments in Chile are a striking example of the communists at work. The most sensational show of force of the Chilean communists came at the moment the newspapers and radios were announcing the victorious march of Col. Castillo Armas and the downfall of the red-dominated Arbenz regime in Guatemala: They won headlines and a propaganda victory by publicly burning the American flag in the principal square of Chile's capital, Santiago.

Many other headlines are in the making unless something is done soon to check the spreading influence of the communists in



Pablo Neruda



Clotario Blest

Two of the major trouble-makers, held in high esteem by the communists.

Latin America. Here's how the reds are paving the way for another Guatemala in Chile.

Although their party is officially outlawed, the Chilean communists and fellow travelers are active in Congress, working under such banners as "The People's Front," "Popular Socialist Party," "Doctrinaire Radicals" and other splinter groups of Chile's two dozen political parties. Labor unions, in the cities and in the mines, are

Demonstrating in behalf of the red leaders of Guatemala, these Chileans burned the U.S. flag in Santiago last June.





Riot and strike headquarters is the Workers' Center in Santiago.

under their domination. On the university campuses the communists are openly active in student organizations and "cultural" programs. Their newspaper *El Siglo*, with its splashy red ink headlines, is on nationwide sale. Through party members and red agents a large and vocal group of sympathizers has been formed. All of them were ready for the Guatemalan crisis with an anti-U.S. campaign unequaled in the history of Chile.

The magic word "intervention" was played to the hilt. Always ready to work against anything and with anyone, the communists hit a responsive chord in their disclaimer against "foreign interference" in Guatemala, "foreign" of course including any influence save that from behind the iron curtain. Many Chileans of all political and social hues were dubious, skeptical and even critical of the purported role that the United States had played in the ouster

"Centro Unico de Trabajadores" (Workers' Center), which is a loose affiliation of many local unions. At the head of the Centro Unico de Trabajadores is Señor Clotario Blest, a militant communist whose May 1st address this year was so extreme in its criticism of the Chilean government that he was thrown in jail as a fomentor of rebellion. Blest, first comrade of the workers, gave the word to the various union leaders that it was time for action. Word was passed down the line and the workers were called out. At no level was a vote taken; neither unions nor workers were consulted. The whole thing was rigged by the communist labor leaders.

Equally important to and active in the "cause" are the vociferous and politically active university student organizations. It is sometimes hard for us to realize the immense political importance of students in Latin American polities. The communists have not overlooked this tightly knit, energetic group of potential supporters, who during riots, demonstrations and protest meetings join with the red labor unions to parade the streets, giving voice and violence to the latest ukases of their leftist leaders. So when the first bold communist experiment in this hemisphere was being



Willard
Beaulac

Fighting against communism, they are up against adverse economics.



Carlos Ibañez
del Campo

Fighting against communism, they are up against adverse economics.

of the Arbenz group. But it was the communists who made themselves the leaders of this band, the beaters of the big drums and the blowers of the bugles.

In their efforts to stir up anti-U.S. sentiment they called out two of their most successful front organizations for street demonstrations. On the labor front they turned to the

thrown out by the Guatemalan people, these Chilean student bodies joined with the labor groups and quickly took up the call from Moscow.

Mass meetings, street parades and public demonstrations of hate were organized. To stage these meetings and parades the communist organizations sought and got governmental clearance! The Minister of Interior, General Abdón Parra, although no fellow traveler himself, personally gave the go-ahead signal, the results of which proved to be just short of disastrous to Chilean-U.S. relations.

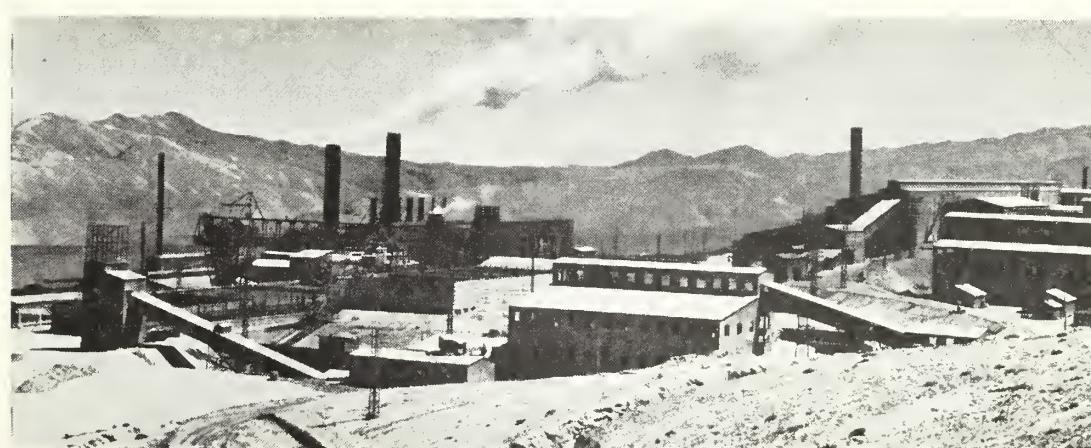
Once having secured official clearance, if not approval, the communist labor and student leaders called out their members without the slightest pretext of having a referendum, or getting rank-and-file approval. The response was far from overwhelming, but it takes only a few well-organized, well-drilled members of the inner core to perform the assigned task.

So parades were staged in the downtown streets of Santiago with banners proclaiming, "Chile, Yes; United States, NO!" "Yankis Get Out," "Don't Make Guatemala Another Korea" and "Be a Good Chilean—Shoot a Yankee." First call that all the groups made was to the downtown Guatemala Embassy, where the demonstrators sang the national anthem and shouted up words of praise to the Arbenz diplomatic staff.

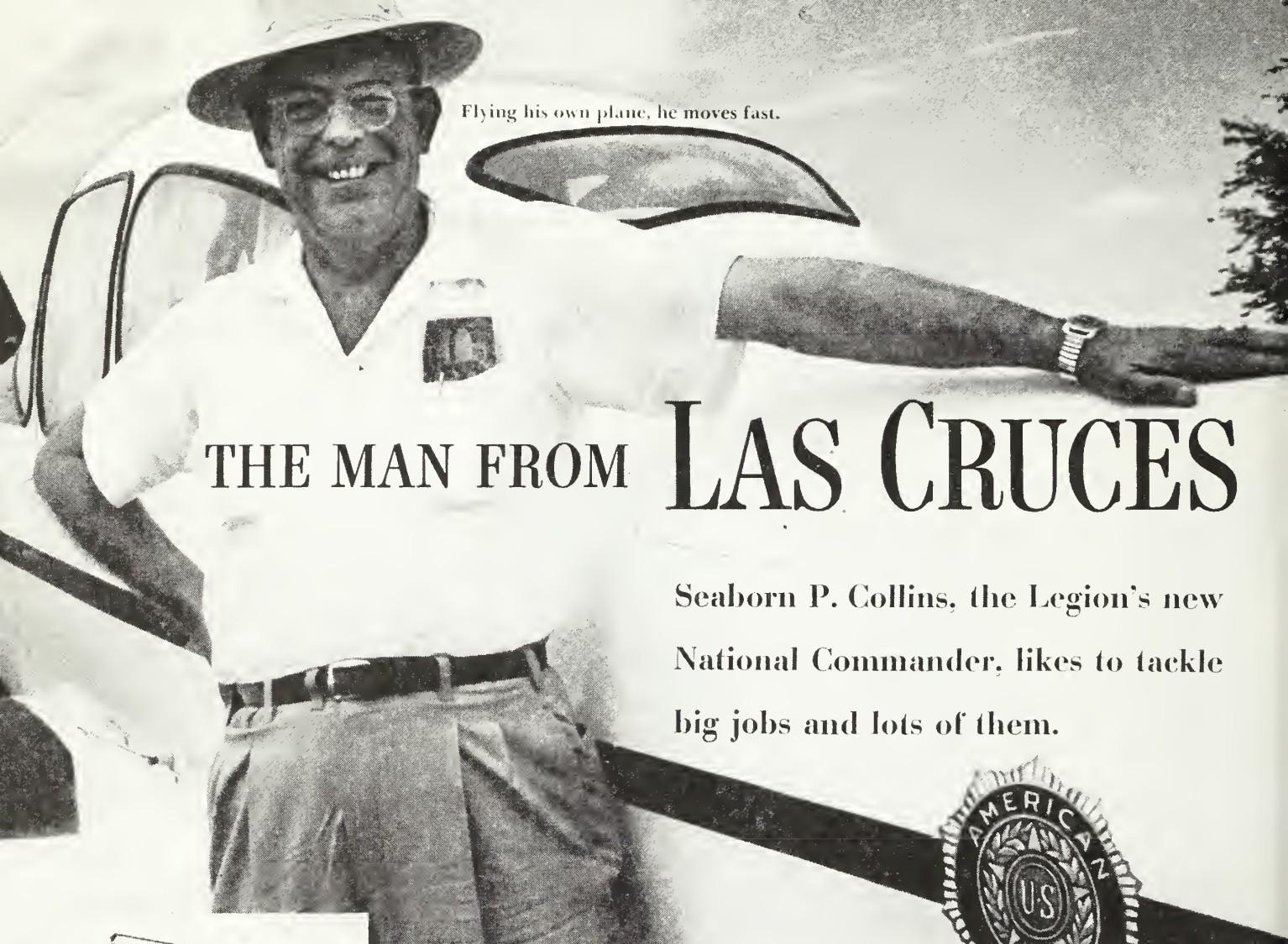
With good reason did the commies make the Guatemalan Embassy their first stop, for inside was José Alvarez, ex-President of Guatemala, the Arbenz Ambassador to Chile and number one communist organizer in South America. Alvarez is considered to be one of the most dangerous personalities on the continent. (Even though he has now lost his diplomatic status, he is still free to continue to work in Chile for his Moscow masters.)

After the pep rallies at the Guatemalan Embassy, the street rioters went on to more serious work, signaling out the United States Cultural Institute and

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Copper is the key industry and lately copper has been in a slump.



Flying his own plane, he moves fast.

THE MAN FROM LAS CRUCES

Seaborn P. Collins, the Legion's new National Commander, likes to tackle big jobs and lots of them.



By JOSEPH C. KEELEY



Post 10 is housed in a building that the Commander recognized as a very good buy.



THE LEGIONNAIRE standing outside Post 10 at Las Cruces, New Mexico, rubbed his chin thoughtfully.

"Of course I only know Seaborn Collins from what I've seen him do here. But I'll tell you this, mister. Unless I miss my guess, it's going to be a bigger and better American Legion a year from now. Down here we know what Seaborn can do, and he can do an awful lot in one year."

That sort of expression was pretty common in our new National Commander's home town. Some of it went even further, portraying Collins in the role of a south-

western Paul Bunyan, the fabled woodsman who could step over mountains and do other wondrous things. Yet, the more you look into Seaborn Collins' background the better you understand the things his neighbors say about him.

Since the new head of The American Legion is Texas-born, from Maybelle, now a part of Abilene, it is perhaps natural to find that he's a strapping six-feet-three and weighs 210 pounds. And, further fitting the popular conception of a native Texan, he's easy-going and informal, till he gets down to business. Then he is what can best be described as a forceful character or powerful personality. Those who have heard him speak know exactly what we mean.

However, the best way to understand what Las Cruces say about Seaborn Collins is to look at some of the things he has done.

Take the matter of education. It has long been axiomatic that a boy or girl who is able



Taken forty years ago, this picture shows young Seaborn with his parents at the parsonage of his father's church.

to work his way through college has what it takes to be a success in life. And that is true. But Seaborn Collins went somewhat further than that. His father, a Presbyterian minister, couldn't afford to put his three children through college, so Seaborn, being the oldest—he's now 42—undertook to give his brother James and his sister Sarah a college education while putting himself through Daniel Baker

Three years of this and he got a job purely in the Paul Bunyan tradition. He became manager of the C. C. Slaughter estate, one of the four biggest ranches in Texas, with 118,000 acres spread over several counties. Flying with the Commander over this far-

BUSINESS LIFE



Two of the hundreds of buildings constructed by Seaborn Collins since he made Las Cruces his home.

College, at Brownwood, Texas. He did this by running a café.

But that wasn't his first experience at earning a living. When he was in high school he worked at such man-size chores as laying pipe in the oil fields and laboring for the local gas company.

"I was young but big and strong for my age, so I was able to do it," he explained.

Getting his B.S. from Daniel Baker, now incorporated into Howard Payne University, Collins went with a government agency that is now the Farm Security Administration. His job was to handle farm and ranch loans and he set a record for putting money out, by lending \$2,000,000 in one year. But he takes at least as much pride in the fact that he set a record for getting the money back for the government. His ratio of collections to money loaned was also record-breaking.

reaching domain of oil wells, mesquite, cattle and cotton, he remarked: "I used to travel this on horseback and I've covered every single acre you see down there."

That would seem to be a full-time job for anyone, but Seaborn did a bit more. He bought a 3900-acre ranch adjoining the Slaughter holdings and ran that while taking care of his employer's 118,000 acres of farm and ranch land. However, to facilitate matters he took up flying. In order to take care of business matters in such scattered points as Dallas, Lubbock and Amarillo he bought a Piper Cub. This was the first of six planes he has owned, the present one being a four-place Navion that gets him around the country at a fast 140 miles an hour.

Indeed, that plane explains why Seaborn Collins was able to put on a whirlwind campaign for the top job in The American Legion. In one period of eleven days, to give just one example, he covered nine Department conven-

tions, from Vermont to Georgia, with a side trip to Tennessee.

Just as his flying helped make him National Commander, it also made him eligible for American Legion membership. World War II was not long under way when, in 1942, Collins became a flight instructor at Fort Sill, and later at Jacksonville, Texas. This was a civilian billet but he donned a uniform as soon as they'd let him, and as Flight Officer drew an assignment ferrying C-47s from Long Beach, California, to Australia. When the war ended he was in the China-Burma-India Theater, flying between Dumidum Airport, Calcutta, and Karachi and New Delhi.

The turning point in Collins' career came because his father-in-law, George R. Quesenberry, of Las Cruces, wanted to go fishing. Known throughout the southwest for his American Legion activities, and former Department Commander of New Mexico, George Quesenberry wanted to get away from his real estate office, and his recently discharged son-in-law seemed to be the

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Houses need lumber, so he opened a lumber yard and a builders supply store.



One thing leading to another, he went into the business of building roads.

HOME LIFE



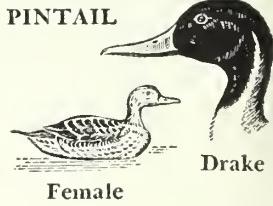
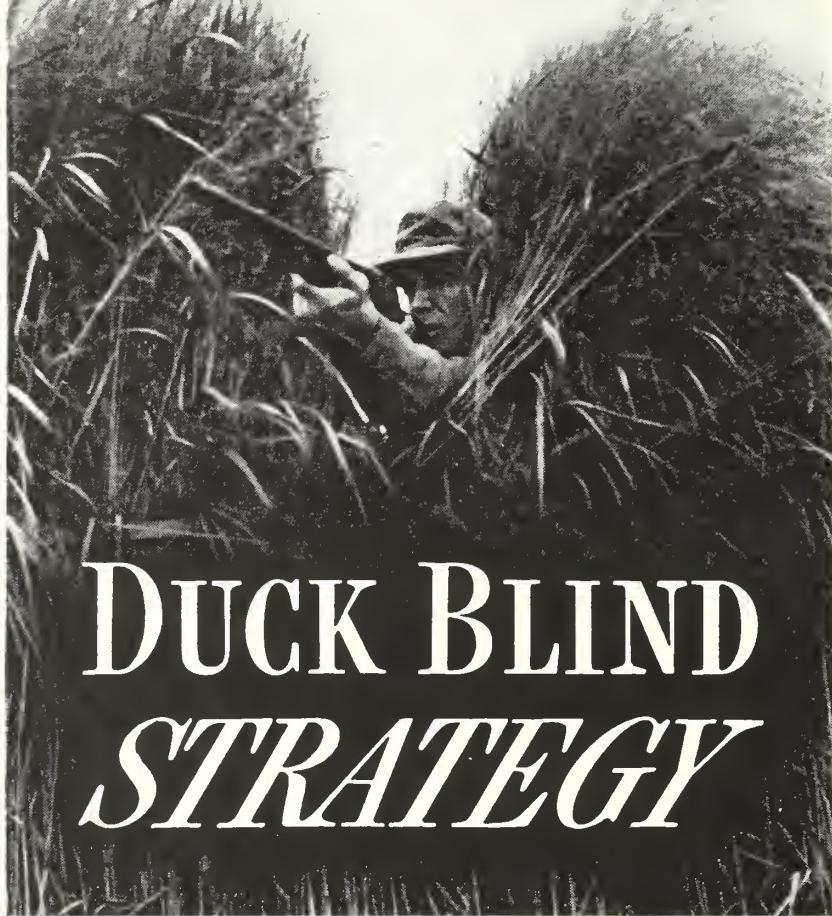
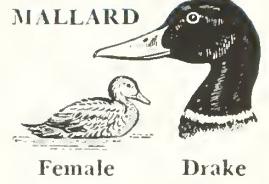
At home. The children are 9-year-old Rex and 3-year-old Kay.



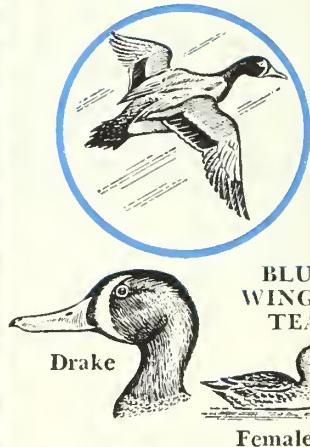
Kay and friend Blackie.



Rex goes for planes.



DUCK BLIND *STRATEGY*



Tips from a veteran wildfowler that may mean a full bag for you.

A FLOCK OF GEESE took off a mile away, circled briefly over thousands of others loafing in huge rafts on the calm waters of Pamlico Sound, and headed our way. About 200 yards from the blind the leader veered slightly to the right and for a moment it looked as if we wouldn't do any business with that bunch. But when the leader made his turn the flock strung out like kids playing crack the whip and the tail end of the flock swept over the outer fringes of the decoys. Two magnums blasted and the last two geese in line collapsed.

"Two down and six to go for a limit," I said. "Watch the fort while I wade out and pick 'em up."

I was twenty yards from the blind, with water sneaking up to the tops of my waders, when my partner called out softly, "Stand still!" Two or three seconds later his shotgun boomed twice and two drake pintails hit the water.

"Bring those in, too, while you're at it," I was ordered.

The four birds were tossed in the hinged boxes that served as seats in the blind, and our vigil was resumed.

"At least," I remarked to my shooting partner, "you'll have something to take home tomorrow. And won't our host be surprised!"

As a matter of fact, our host had done everything to discourage that day's excursion. "You guys won't shoot anything out on the Sound today," he had said at our predawn breakfast. "It's clear as a bell outside, with a few million stars shining, and there isn't a breath of wind. Stay ashore and we'll play some three-handed poker."

There was logic to his argument but his two guests had not journeyed down to Pamlico Sound, North Carolina, to toss

By RAY TRULLINGER

chips and cards and gnaw on a flagon of Old Swampfire. Besides, my shooting companion had to leave for the city the next day and wanted to take home some geese and ducks.

So our jeering host had power-boated us out to a "reef blind" twelve miles up the Sound, a weathered board structure which resembled nothing quite so much as a roofless Chic Sale on stilts. By the time our decoys were spotted, the sun was up and blazing.

"I'll come back at noon and pick up you two screwballs, instead of waiting until four o'clock. You'll have a bellyful by that time. Don't get too sunburned!" And with that encouraging crack, our scoffie kicked the boat's starter and took off.

My friend and I surveyed the watery scene with our binoculars. There were extensive rafts of honkers about a mile away, and beyond as far as we could see. Also large patches of ducks, mostly pintails. They seemed noisy and restless—telltale signs to a long-time wildfowl observer.

"I think they're going to fly," I remarked. "If the flight heads this way we'll probably get an occasional shot. It isn't likely anything will decoy—the weather's too bright. But there are bound to be a few careless birds."

Fifteen minutes later the birds began moving, and the bulk of them came in our direction. Many flocks of geese veered wide of our blind, but some swept by within range of our heavy charges of No. 2s, and within an hour we had our eight-goose limit.

And with the geese came flock after flock of pintails. They weren't disposed to decoy, but winged directly over the blind at about fifty-yard height, affording some of the



prettiest pass shooting either of us ever had enjoyed.

A half-hour before noon the flight petered out and about the same time we heard the distant sound of a gas engine. Our host was returning to pick up his screwball guests, who had insisted on going duck shooting in weather beloved of picnickers, golfers and trout fishermen. A few minutes later he tied up to the blind and looked up at us with a grin.

"Aren't you glad to see me? I figured you guys would be happy to get out of the hot sun and back to the house. I told you there wouldn't be anything flying on this kind of a bluebird day. Care for a bottle of cold beer?"

It was a great satisfaction to watch the expression on his face when the two of us tossed eight big Canada geese into the bow of his boat, along with seventeen pintails.

"If you'd waited another half-hour," I told him, "we would have had the three ducks needed to complete our duck limit."

That fine morning's shooting was mostly pure luck. Why those birds elected to fly as they did I do not pretend to know. Maybe they just had a desire to go somewhere else. Or their movement might have been caused by a change of tide or some mysterious factor which inspires waterfowl

about twenty-five years ago, on the occasion of early winter's first sharp freeze. My companion on this occasion was a commercial fisherman and guide, and one of the cannier operators I'd ever met. He also was a game-law violator of note, who supplied several customers with whatever they wanted in the way of fowl. We'll call him Pete although that wasn't his name.

The two of us poled our Barnegat "sneak boxes" out through thin shell ice that morning to the point of a low, grassy island, where Pete stopped to look over the situation. Black ducks, brant and geese were flying, along with a smattering of bluebills.

Finally, Pete made his decision. "We'll rig out right here," he said. "Get that little shovel out of my boat, scoop up some ice and dump it over the tops of the boats. While you're doing that I'll lash 'em side by side in this shallow water and put out the decoys."

In those days Barnegat sneak boxes were painted dead white because they often were used as blinds in ice floes during severe weather.

"You mean right out here in the open?" I questioned him, in a surprised voice.

"Right here," he answered.

"But we'll be in plain sight," I protested. "There won't be a duck come within a mile of us."

"Get busy with that shovel and stop jawing," he replied.

In a few minutes our rather unusual ambush was set up and we took our places in the two sneak boxes, reclining therein like corpses in twin coffins. After a short period of immobility in the ice-packed boat, I began to feel like one.

However, rigor mortis didn't quite catch up with me. There was action. A small flock of black ducks, wariest of the webfooted clan, winged up unsuspiciously, set their wings and slanted for the decoys.

"Now!" Pete muttered, sitting up. We killed three before the survivors back-pedaled out of danger.

It didn't make sense. There we were, as obvious as a stop light, but it didn't seem to make any difference. At intervals other birds flew up, decoyed, and ran into trouble. Pretty soon the bright morning sun melted all the ice off the boats but we still killed birds.

We quit before noon (*Continued on page 46*)



A well-trained retriever is a big help.

to fly. Who can tell about the strange ways of water fowl?

And perhaps it was luck that we picked that blind, as there were half a dozen others in the area where we might not have done so well or possibly might have had no shooting at all.

But our success that day was not all luck. There was our unwillingness to accept defeat and our insistence on going out, in the face of weather conditions which were anything but auspicious. And perhaps it is this little matter of making the most of one's opportunities which spells the difference between the successful duck hunter and those who are not so "lucky."

For by and large, over the years, good weather and bad, the experienced wildfowler makes his own luck.

How does a duck hunter make his own luck? Well, there are many ways, but a notable example comes to mind. The locale was Barnegat Bay, New Jersey, and the time was



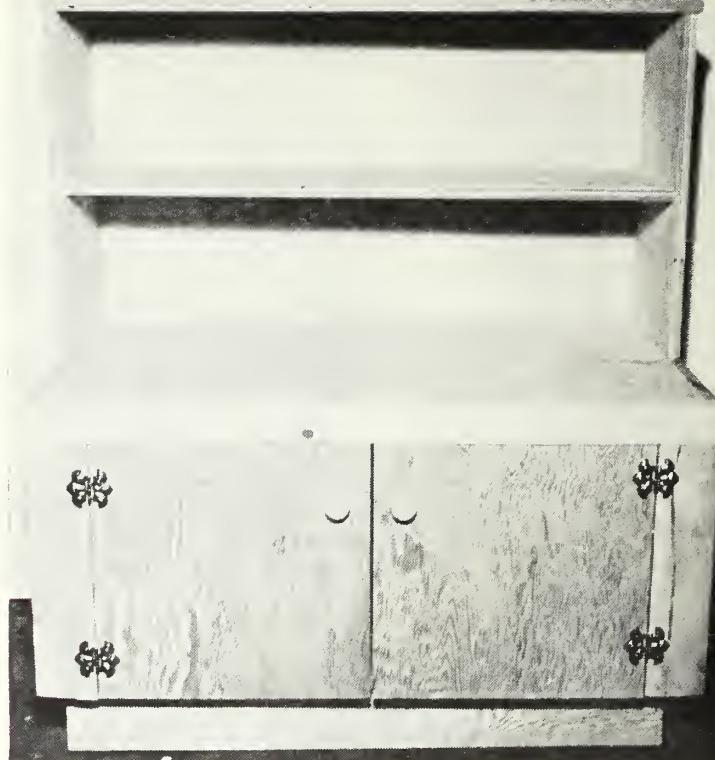
Two partners can cover a lot of skyline.

By ROBERT SCHARFF

MY NEIGHBOR, Ed Richards, came into my shop the other day looking like the last rose of summer. He was really down in the dumps. After a few drinks and a little prodding on my part, it came out that his newest home project, a bookcase-storage unit, was relegated to the attic by his wife. "I worked hard on the darn thing, spent plenty of money for the best lumber, and built it according to the plans. But my wife said that it looked like something her kid brother made in school and won't have it in our living room."

To prevent Ed from jumping from the nearest bridge, I agreed to go up into his attic to take a look at his masterpiece. The corners were square and true, the drawers slid in and out, and even when a level was placed on top of the piece, the bubble went to the center and no further. He had followed all the elementary rules of woodworking, but I had to agree (in thought only) with his wife — something was missing. It had that definite manual training school look. Nothing at all like those sleek, highly finished articles of furniture found in every store.

Where did Ed go wrong? Have you ever been in his situation? We'll assume that you, like Ed, are up on the elementary rules and follow them. They can be found in any good book on the subject. You know, too, that you have to measure accurately, cut true and put the



If your finished project looks like this, don't be discouraged.

TIPS THAT MAKE A PROFESSIONAL JOB



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① To give legs and other supporting members strength, use metal brackets. Install where they don't show.

② To prevent ragged edges when sawing, use a strip of cellophane tape. You still can follow your cutting mark.

③ To prevent splitting of the wood, always stagger the nails so that no two nails are in the same grain of wood.

④ To cover screw heads, use wood plugs. They can be cut with a plug-cutter, or dowels may be used.

⑤ Fill in all cracks and dents with wood filler or plastic wood. Sand smooth when thoroughly dry.

⑥ The proper applying consistency of glue is when it drops off the brush in big tear drops.

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Make it

parts together so that the piece is solid and square. But have you watched out for such simple things as, say, nails and screws? That seems easy, but a lot of home-made pieces of furniture have lost their professional standing because of carelessness or lack of "know-how" in this simple field.

Ed, for instance, didn't know that you should use wood plugs to hide heads of screws. Most professionals do. Plugs can be cut with a tool called a plug cutter, which fits into an ordinary brace and can be purchased at any hardware store. Nor did he know the trick of concealing nail heads.

Usually all that is required is to countersink the heads below the surface with a nail set; then fill the depression with stick shellac, melted on a spatula and pressed into place. As the shellac hardens, smooth with a chisel and sandpaper. Wood plastic or putty of the proper color can be used in place of the shellac.

Splitting of wood, when nailing, was also evident in Ed's work. To reduce this danger, stagger nails so no two nails



With a few simple tricks it can be made to look like this.

LOOK GOOD

**How to add the professional touch
to those do-it-yourself projects.**

go through the same length of grain. Most hardwood splits easily unless you drill pilot holes first—about half the thickness of the nail shank. Hardwood also usually requires a blunt pointed nail which will punch its way into the fibers and not spread them apart. This helps to prevent the wood from splitting.

Splitting can be a problem when cutting hardboard or plywood, too. To prevent this, the good face must always be toward the cut. For hand-sawing, use a 10 point cross-cut saw with the good side up, and hold the sheet firmly so the saw won't bend. For hand powersawing, use a sharp combination blade and place the good side down. The blade should not extend over $\frac{1}{2}$ inch on the under side. On a table saw, place the panel face up and adjust the table so that the saw extends through the piece only about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. A combination is best for this operation, too.

To control the splintering of plywood on the bottom side while sawing, first apply a strip of cellophane tape along the underside of the planned cut. The tape will strip clean from the wood after sawing, leaving a smooth cut.

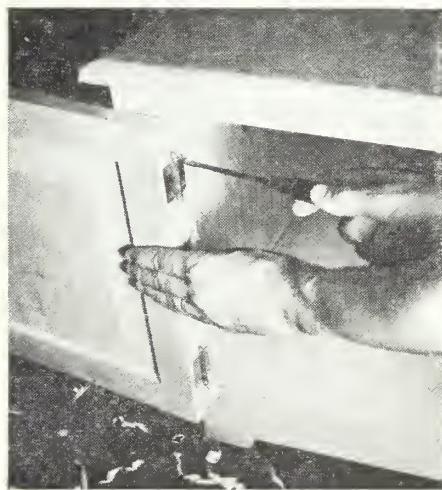
Getting back to Ed and his problems, he had on the whole done a good professional job of getting the piece to its unadorned stage, but from there on his masterpiece went sour. Like so many home craftsmen, Ed built his project from plywood. It is an excellent material, but the major problem of using plywood is how to conceal the edges of the panels. If care is not exercised, the finished job will be banded with raw edges that resemble half-healed scars.

Sometimes this can be prevented by carefully checking the design before building. Even with plain butt joints, there are an astonishing number of ways to assemble a simple box, and each

POINTERS ON HOW TO MAKE A BOOKCASE



The doors can be given a paneled effect, left, by gluing and bradding a small piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ -round to each side of a $\frac{1}{4}$ " plywood panel. To make doors open and close easily, right, a small amount can be planed off after the doors are set.



Neat hardware can add a great deal of beauty to the finished project, left. Always follow the manufacturer's installing directions to the letter. To conceal plywood edges right, glue and brad a strip of $\frac{1}{2}$ -round on them.

one makes a difference in the number or position of visible edges. If your shop equipment will make rabbets and miters, a little thought at the design stage will reduce the edge problem greatly. Consider also where the piece of furniture will be located, what surface will be exposed, and what finish you will use.

There are occasions, of course, when no amount of thought in designing can eliminate plywood edge grain. In these cases some method must be devised in order to hide the edge. One of the most popular means of accomplishing this is by banding the edge with the same type of wood used on the face veneer. This banding may be either a solid wood strip glued to the edge or a thin piece of veneer—real or plastic. Its grain direction may be either lengthwise or crosswise, depending upon the desired effect.

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There are too many cars for our courts

If you should be involved in an automobile accident tomorrow
you may have to wait till 1958 to get a settlement.

WILL YOU BE ONE of the 16 million drivers who will get into an automobile accident this year? If so, your chances of sudden death or serious injury are fortunately less on a mileage basis than in the past, but your chances of a long and bewildering legal fight are better than ever. Insurance can pay the damages in the end, but even if the figure is settled out of court, it will be based on how long you have had to wait to see the judge. Some big city courts are now hearing accidents that happened four years ago, and delays are so common all over that lawyers think a court is dispensing speedy justice if it is only a year behind.

In most cases, the delay will hurt more than the injury. You won't read about it in the newspapers, but here's

By **CAROLINE BIRD**

what can happen if you have an accident.

There isn't a car in sight as you cruise up to a place where a road on your right comes in, when

CRASH! A car shoots out and sideswipes you. Your own wheel has winded you, and there's blood trickling down your wife's face. Your first thought is to thank God everyone is alive. Then you see that the other car is hardly scratched, but your right door is wrecked. You want to ask the other driver why he didn't see you, but he gets in ahead:

"What's the name of your insurance company? After all, I had the right of way!"

"But your car is all right," you say, trying to hold your temper. "What's the name of *your* insurance company?"

This isn't getting anywhere, and besides a crowd is gathering. A policeman takes names and addresses. A wrecker arrives to tow your car away. You don't think you're hurt—just shaken up—but somebody has called an ambulance and the men in white insist that you and your wife come with them. At the hospital they bandage your wife's head—the windshield was safety glass so it was just a bump—but they find that you have three cracked ribs and will be laid up a week.

Before you're out of the hospital the garage reports that it will cost you \$600 to fix the car. That's more than you have in the bank, but you need the car

to work. You've made a claim for your damages and you're sure the insurance company will take care of the bill.

Three weeks go by and nothing happens. The garage still has the car and the hospital wants its money. You're lying around home waiting for the mail. After dozens of phone calls to the insurance company an adjuster finally appears to take down your story. He thinks you could have prevented the accident and so are not entitled to recover, but he makes an appointment for you with the insurance company doctor. You spend a day being pummeled and poked all over again.

Six weeks after the accident you get the company's last word: Not liable because their insured had the right of way, but they'll give you \$500 to get rid of you.

"But that's only a drop in the bucket," you argue hotly. "The garage bill is \$600. The hospital and doctor want \$250, and I've been losing \$125 a week all this time I've been waiting for the car. My wife has been having headaches ever since the accident and hasn't been able to do the part-time work that brings us in \$100 a month. You must think I'd win in court or you wouldn't offer anything!"

"Maybe so," the adjuster agrees, "but it will take you years to get to court and there's a chance you'll get nothing for your pains."

(You can't blame insurance companies too much for using delay as a weapon. Carrying a claim for years costs them money and ties up their reserves. Juries are handing out bigger and bigger verdicts, and inflation may up your claim in dollars when it comes to trial.

In spite of those rising premiums, insurance companies generally lose money on their automobile accident liability.)

In desperation, you borrow \$1,000 from the bank to get your car out of hock. You put your claim in the hands of a lawyer who suggests that you sue for \$20,000.

This seems high, but so is his fee: 40



The money you pay out because of your accident may come back, but there's no telling when.

percent of the verdict if you win, nothing but his out-of-pocket expenses if you lose. You say fair enough—you're over the hump now and 60 percent of \$20,000 is worth waiting for.

(Contingent fees are ethical, and they make legal redress available to the penniless, but at a high price. The percentage varies from 20 percent in cases involving minors where the court passes on the fee, to whatever the traffic will bear. Forty percent is average. The competition for these juicy cases carrying high verdicts is so great that big-city lawyers sometimes employ runners to bring the cases in. This, of course, is illegal. New York City's District Attorney Frank Hogan uncovered a well-organized ambulance chasing ring last June.)

During the next few months there's always something to do about your case: chasing down witnesses, giving testimony in the lawyer's office, getting hospital records, signing papers, waiting for the other side to answer. Finally, you're on the calendar and your lawyer warns you it will take over a year.

Life goes on and you've almost forgotten the crash when he calls you up

—18 months after the accident—to tell you the case is up for trial. Your best witness has died, another has moved away, and none of them really want to testify.

(You've waited on the calendar the 14.3 months national average for counties of 500,000 to 750,000 population. Delay is longest where traffic is thickest, headed by Queens County, New York, with 49 months. Brooklyn and Worcester are over 40 months behind; Manhattan, Chicago, the Bronx, Boston, Hartford, and Manchester, N. H., 30 months or more. Best record, according to the Institute of Judicial Administration, was made last year by Cincinnati, a city of 700,000 which heard jury cases in two months; Newark, New Jersey, a city of a million where the wait is only six months, and New Orleans, a city of a half million where the wait is only three months.)

Your case brings nearly a score of people to court—lawyers, doctors, witnesses, principals, relatives—so you're understandably disappointed when the judge calls the two lawyers up to the bench and asks them to go out into the hall and see if they can't settle the case. In the course of several huddles, the insurance company belatedly offers to settle for \$1,500, the expenses you actually incurred. You would have taken it the day after the accident, but if you took it now you'd have only \$900 left after your lawyer took his 40 percent. By now you're mad and your sporting blood is up. Your wife knows just the kind of house she wants to buy with your share of the \$20,000 you're asking. You refuse.

(You can't blame the judge for trying to get rid of your case. He can handle only 60 jury trials a year, and there are hundreds waiting. Luckily 95 percent of accident suits are settled before trial, but nobody gets serious about negotiating until judgment day is at hand.)

There's a scuffle over picking a jury as your lawyer gets across the news that the other driver is covered by insurance. As the trial proceeds, you wonder what they make of the story:

—You testify that the other car drove into you at a high rate of speed. The other driver testifies that you drove into him at a high rate of speed.

—One witness says you were going 60 miles an hour. Another thinks you were going 20, but she admits, on cross-examination, that she didn't see the cars until she heard the crash.

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Chief Justice Vanderbilt ended a bad traffic jam in New Jersey's courts.

Give the Speaker a Break!

You will hear better speeches if you follow these suggestions on the care and treatment of speakers.

By WILL A. FOSTER



"AND NOW it is my honor and privilege to present—"

That salutation, or one akin to it, will be heard at least 18,000 times each week as the program chairmen of the 18,300 male and female service clubs in the U.S. present the guest speakers for those meetings.

You may safely add another 10,000 meetings of Women's Clubs, Parent Teacher Associations, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Posts and a host of other organizations.

Fully 2,000,000 persons will attend these regularly scheduled gatherings because we Americans are the "meetingest" people in the world.

The majority of these audiences invite a guest speaker to talk on a subject of interest to them.

What are the trials, tribulations and disappointments of the 28,000 volunteer speakers who will be talking to a group of fellow Americans at some time during the week?

During the past 33 years, it has been my rare privilege to be the guest speaker at about 1,000 clubs of this kind located in 42 of the 48 States.

Most of the speakers come from the ranks of government, trade and civic associations, educational institutions or business firms. Few ever receive a fee for their thirty minutes of oratory and rarely do they receive expenses for the trip to address the group.

I have talked on three different occasions to each of two Rotary Clubs in two widely separated States. I'd like to appear for the fourth time at either of them because they were so well-mannered.

On the other hand, I'd try to find an excuse for not talking a second time to some of the clubs that I have addressed. Their lack of good manners to the guest speaker impaired my best efforts to do a pleasing job.

In most clubs, the program chairman and his committee are responsible for the verbal diet to go with the fried chicken or meat loaf and peas. These program chairmen



may change yearly, quarterly or sometimes even monthly.

They try hard to do a creditable job with the time that they have available to devote to the assignment.

If they, and the officers and members of the clubs, will follow a few simple courtesies, they will have guest speakers who would be happy to talk a return engagement.

WHEN A speaker accepts an invitation to address a club, there should be a definite understanding as to the date, time and location of the meeting.

The prospective speaker should be told the size of the audience, whether it will be made up of one or both sexes, and the approximate time available for the talk.

Most service clubs have a definite closing time to which they rigidly adhere; the speaker should be told what it is.

If the program chairman has told the guest that there will be thirty minutes for the talk, then every effort should be made to allow that time. Many a good, well-organized, thirty-minute talk can become badly presented when a speaker is forced to cut his time to twenty minutes because the club members had an argument, or a committee chairman gave an unduly long report ahead of the speaker.

The proposed talk should be given an appropriate title by the guest when he accepts the invitation to address the group.

If the group totals 80 or more persons, the invited guest should be advised whether or not the room is equipped with a microphone and voice amplification system.

The speaker should be asked what equipment he or she might like or need. Any one who talks from notes or an outline wants a lectern or "table pulpit" on which to rest the notes or papers.

At a recent evening talk to a group of businessmen in Tampa, Fla., I had to turn a cardboard shipping case, obtained from the kitchen, upside down to serve as a lectern.

If slide or motion picture pro- (Continued on page 52)



A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

PENSIONS, COMPENSATION GET COST-OF-LIVING HIKE

The President signed Public Laws 695 and 698 on August 28. They increase most veterans' and dependents' compensation & pension awards by roughly 5%. . . . Pension increases in all categories are exactly 5%. Those who receive pensions can figure the increase by multiplying the former monthly rate by .05. . . . Pensions are those awards made to wartime veterans and their dependents or survivors which are based upon disability or death that is not service-connected. . . . Not all compensation awards were increased, nor were the compensation increases exactly 5%. Most of them were about 5%, to the nearest even dollar. Compensation payments are those awards made to wartime and peacetime veterans and their dependents which are based on disability or death that is service-connected. Compensation increases are summarized below.

A total of 2,580,700 veterans and 836,400 veterans' dependents are affected by the new pension and compensation rates, or 3,412,100 persons. . . . New rates became effective Oct. 1, are included in end-of-October checks. . . . VA pays new rates automatically. . . . Individuals need not and should not apply for them. . . . Increases are intended as a cost-of-living adjustment.

American Legion played major role in bringing about increases, as did House Veterans Affairs Committee. . . . Opposition in legislature almost succeeded in burying them in House Rules Committee, did reduce proposed 10% hike to 5%.

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COMPENSATION INCREASES

New monthly awards for wartime service-connected disability compensation based on percentage-of-disability-ratings (under PL 695) are as follows: 10% disability, \$17; 20% disability, \$33; 30% disability, \$50; 40% disability, \$66; 50% disability, \$91; 60% disability, \$109; 70% disability, \$127; 80% disability, \$145; 90% disability, \$163; total disability, \$181.

No increase was made in the extra compensation for veterans rated 50% and more disabled who have dependents.

No increase was made in the minimum compensation for arrested service-connected tuberculosis.

Statutory awards for specific serious service-connected disabilities, such as loss of limbs, blindness, permanently bedridden, etc., were raised except in the lowest category. Conditions of these awards are too lengthy to print here. "Newsletter" hopes recipients can recognize them by the old amounts paid. Statutory awards formerly \$47 (wartime)

and \$37.60 (peacetime) unchanged. Statutory awards formerly \$266 (wartime) and \$212.80 (peacetime), now \$279 and \$223. Awards formerly \$313 (wartime) and \$250.40 (peacetime) now \$329 and \$263. Awards formerly \$353 (wartime) and \$282.40 (peacetime), now \$371 and \$297. Ceiling on combinations of statutory and/or rating entitlements formerly \$400 (wartime) and \$320 (peacetime), now \$420 and \$336.

No increase was awarded in compensation of dependent children, or children dependent on a veteran's widow. But compensation for widows without dependent children and for dependent parents was increased more than 5%. New rate for widow without dependent children is \$87, for one dependent parent, \$75, for two dependent parents, \$40 each.

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VETS CAN WAIVE PART OF R.R. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Two laws OK'd Aug. 31 permit persons pensioned under the Railroad Retirement Act to waive all or part of such pension, over such period of time as they choose — and permit the same waiver right for persons entitled to relief or retirement compensation from the police and firemen's relief fund of the District of Columbia. . . . Some veterans so covered can waive that part of such benefits which brings their annual income above the statutory income limitation for disability pension award by the Veterans Administration, and thus qualify for veterans pensions if they are otherwise eligible for them.

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FRENCH LIBERTY MEDAL AVAILABLE TO MANY WW2 GIs

French authorities award the Medal of Liberated France to military members of the Allied Forces who participated, between Sept. 3, 1939 and Aug. 20, 1945, in actual combat operations by land, sea or air in French territory, including the French Union and French Mandates. Medal is also awarded to Allied military personnel assigned to liaison with French land, sea or air forces between June 18, 1940 and Aug. 20, 1945. . . . Under U. S. regulations, the medal cannot be accepted or worn by U. S. military personnel, but may be accepted and worn by former members of the U. S. military. . . . Eligible ex-GIs desiring the medal may apply to the appropriate address among the following: Office of the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, or Office of the Air Adjutant General, Department of the Air Force, or Chief of Naval Personnel, U. S. Navy Department — all at

Washington 25, D. C. . . . Applicants should state they are applying for the Medal of Liberated France, give full name (printed), service number, rank, organization in which served, mailing address and battle participation credits. . . . U. S. military offices forward verified applications to the French Embassy for action.

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FUTURE OF PENSIONS, COMPENSATION SHAKY

Unless they are well represented in upcoming sessions of Congress, recipients of both pension and compensation may suffer from new laws based on inexpert studies and inexpert concepts of these awards, and the benefit of the new increases could be short-lived. . . . President, in approving increases, indicated reluctance, belief they may be out of line. . . . He said he was ordering a new study of payments to veterans and their dependents with an eye to new legislation. . . . Regarding compensation, he voiced a false concept previously stated to him in a special report of the Budget Bureau. . . . Said Ike: Compensation "represents an attempt to compensate [veterans] for earning power whose loss is attributable to service in our armed forces." . . . If new studies ordered by President proceed with this idea — and there is no indication that they won't — war-disabled veterans may find their awards hitched to their earning power alone. . . . Compensation, until now, has been an attempt to compensate the veteran not for loss of earning power, but for the disability. It may or may not compensate for loss of income, it also compensates for pain & suffering, social embarrassment & discomfiture, personality damage, personal handicap & inconvenience, potential life-shortening, restricted activities, etc. That the President can be successfully misadvised on this when on the threshold of seeking new legislation on the subject is a grim warning to the war-disabled and their champions.

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UNCHANGEABLE DISABILITY RATINGS

"Newsletter" has received evidence of some misunderstandings of Public Law 311, passed by Congress last March, which makes certain VA disability ratings unchangeable after 20 years. . . . The law does not apply to all disability ratings, but only to those of total disability or permanent total disability. . . . Such ratings made for compensation, pension or insurance purposes under laws administered by the Veterans Administration, which have been continuously in force for 20 years or more, says the law, "shall not be reduced thereafter, except upon a showing that such rating was based on fraud." Ratings less than total or permanent total disability are not so protected.

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DON'T PUT IT OFF

K-vets are again warned not to use their time-cushion for starting training capriciously. The earlier the better is the general rule for starting. VA points out that some K-vets, near their deadline for starting, apply for VA counseling service to help select best courses. . . . VA counseling service is excellent, but it takes time. . . . If deadline is close, there's no time for counseling before vet must make his decision. . . . "Newsletter" has previously told of ways in which vets have lost their training privileges by playing too close to their vests with deadlines.

AIRBORNE FORM OWN ASS'N.

Combat vets of five airborne divisions have filed papers to form the Airborne Association, Inc., in Fayetteville, N. C. . . . Stated purpose is to "unite fraternally and for mutual benefit, protection, improvement and association, former, present and future airborne troopers." . . . The 5 divisions represented are the 82nd, 101st, 11th, 17th and 13th. . . . The corporation office address is Airborne Ass'n., Inc., Market House, Fayetteville, N. C.

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K-VETS GET MORE TIME TO START, FINISH EDUCATION

Public Law 610, approved Aug. 20, added a year to the time-cushion under which K-vets could start and finish K-Bill training or education. Under 610, most K-vets now have three years from date of discharge to begin training, eight years from date of discharge to complete training. . . . Added leeway is partial response to request initiated under American Legion resolution at 1953 Nat'l Convention. . . . Legion sought four- and nine-year cushions, respectively. Before PL 610, K-vets had two and seven years for the starting and finishing dates. . . . K-vets discharged before Aug. 20, 1951 have already run out of time for starting training. They had until last Aug. 20.

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WAR CLAIMS IN NEW AGENCY

The President has named the members of the new Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, which succeeds the War Claims Commission and the International Claims Commission in jurisdiction over certain claims of Americans abroad. . . . Jurisdiction includes claims arising out of WW2 by U. S. POWs and civilian internees in the Philippines, also matters under new laws relating to claims of U. S. citizens arising out of WW2, the Korea war and international agreements. . . . Commissioners are Whitney Gilliland, Glenwood, Iowa (chmn); Mrs. Pearl Carter Pace, Burkesville, Ky., and Henry J. Clay, New York City.

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WHEN TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Children of veterans who will enter college in September, 1955, are advised by The American Legion Child Welfare Commission not to begin their inquiries and make application too late. . . . A year in advance is not too early to file most scholarship applications. . . . Nearly all college scholarships have cut-off dates, after which they will not be awarded even if they haven't been taken up by early birds. Most scholarships for next September should be applied for before the end of March, 1955, and the earlier the better. . . . Few will be available by next July, when many applications will be made. . . . Many scholarships are available only to children of veterans, and Child Welfare Commission has info on \$2,000,000 worth of them. . . . While the Commission isn't staffed to serve individual queries from all veterans' children seeking info, it has distributed its pamphlet on scholarships for veterans' children — "Need a Lift?" — to thousands of American Legion Posts. . . . Interested parties should make query at local Legion Post, which can obtain a copy of "Need a Lift?" if it doesn't already have it.

NEWS of The American Legion

and Veterans' Affairs

NOVEMBER 1954

Commander Urges Early Action For 1955 Membership Drive

Veterans Day, Nov. 11, is the target date for The American Legion's 1955 Membership campaign. In a letter in late Sept. to all Post Commanders, reproduced in *Programming for Legion Leaders*, Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn P. Collins urged that "AL Weeks", Oct. 20-Nov. 11, be used to get the 1955 membership drive wrapped up.

"The number one job of every new Commander," said Collins, "is membership." The Commander said National Headquarters would supply promotional material to help Posts do the job. One example was *Programming* which gave a capsule public relations program usable by Posts of any size and offered newspaper mats for cooperative advertising ads together with an outline form of a proclamation to be made by the local Mayor.

With good publicity would come community recognition of the Legion's work. Next step — ask the man to join. Pointing to the fast start on 1955 membership — up 18,049 over last year on same date — the Commander asked for an all-out effort to get the membership program out of the way early. A strong membership, the Commander pointed out, would allow The American Legion to concentrate on the programs and activities which are the reasons for its existence.

Two incentives for individual Legionnaires and Posts were announced in Indianapolis: (1) Legionnaires who sign up 10 or more members will be awarded a membership card signed by Nat'l Cmdr Collins and Nat'l Adjt Dudley in the "Double Five" club. (2) Posts getting advance membership equal to or greater than 1954 will be awarded a Meritorious Service Citation.

Membership news from all over the U. S. included the following:

► In Colorado, Post 148, at Antonito and Post 131 at Center bet a sack of potatoes on their 1955 membership race.
► In Stoughton, Mass., Post 89 reported some new membership records for 1954: (1) Secured 100% paid-up Post membership of 189 members by Nov. 11, 1953. (2) Passed 1954 quota by Dec. 31, 1953. (3) Surpassed all-time membership high on same date. (4) Finished

the 1954 drive with 102 new members bringing total membership to 291. (5) Got the 1955 drive underway and by Sept. 14 had 57 paid-up members.

► When E. Meade Wilson, Florida Nat'l Executive Committeeman, presented life memberships to E. R. Bentley, William Steitz and William Hardaker of Lakeland Post 4 recently, the 3 recipients and Wilson represented 152 years of continuous Legion membership, or par for the course.

► Post 35, Jeffersonville, Ind., reported that for six straight years it had exceeded the previous year's membership record. From 743 members in 1948 Post had climbed to 1180 in 1954. Of the 1954 total, 65% was secured by two men — Herman A. Wenige with 461 and Walter A. Kenney with 301.

► Post 423, Hospers, Iowa, got away to a fast start when Membership Chmn M.

R. Mahaffey signed up $\frac{1}{2}$ of the members in 9 hours of soliciting. Mahaffey's goal — to get 25 more than the assigned quota. ► Post 83, Glenwood Springs, Colo., started 1955 membership drive by send-

Tips for Membership Chairmen. This is the time for your big drive. Prompt enrollment of old members and new will

1. Assure continuity of membership in your Post.

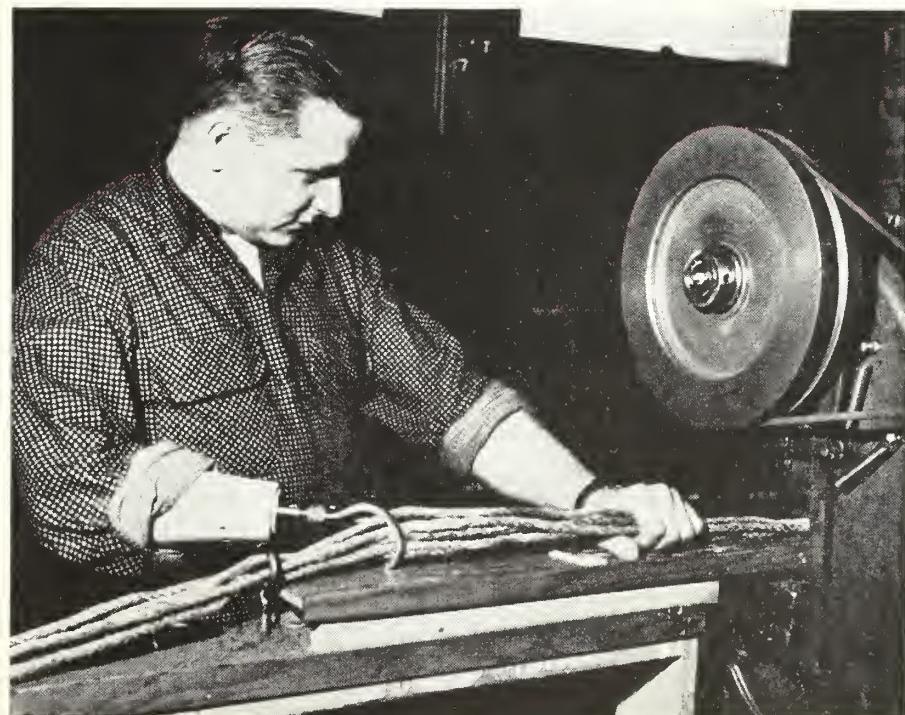
2. Avoid interruption of subscriptions to *The American Legion Magazine* if subscription cards are forwarded promptly.

3. Save energy of Post Membership Committee and let Post concentrate on other programs.

ing a letter to every local eligible outlining Legion accomplishments nationally and locally.

From The American Legion's Membership Division came some mid-1954 figures which made an impressive picture:
► Total membership of continental De-

HANDICAPPED AT WORK



Departments and Posts of The American Legion led the nation in observance of "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week," Oct. 3-9, calling on employers to hire disabled veterans who have overcome handicaps by special training or equipment. Good example of ability to handle difficult jobs is Eddie Ormanski, Air Force vet of Korea, shown above at Wm. Betterly plant in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

partments found 6 Depts with more than 100,000 members each on July 31. Pennsylvania had 267,387; New York 217,643 and Illinois 217,511. The other three in order, were California, Ohio and Indiana. The leaders in total membership had enrolled the following percentage of eligibles in their departments: Pa., 17.8%; N. Y., 10.5%; Ill., 17.5%; Cal., 8.69%; Ohio, 11.6%; and Indiana, 21.15%. The smallest enrollment, in Nevada, was 23,000 or 15.5% of eligibles.

On July 31, Legion Departments in 11 States had enrolled more than 20% of the eligible ex-service men in their areas into Legion membership.

North Dakota had 42.93 percent of all eligibles enrolled. Next in order, Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa had more than 30% enrolled. Above 25% were Vermont and Wyoming. Next in order of the 20%-plus group were Kansas, New Hampshire, Indiana, Minnesota, and Montana.

National average of all eligibles on that date was 13.7%. Under 10% were, from the bottom up, Utah, Texas, Virginia, Michigan, Rhode Island, California, Delaware and New Jersey.

North Dakota, with the highest percentage of eligibles enrolled on July 31, won the Franklin D'Olier membership trophy for 1954.

Forty-seven Posts had 2,000 or more members on June 30. The 47 Posts had 151,256 members altogether. They were located in 23 states. Pennsylvania had 6 Posts with more than 2,000 members each, Tennessee 5, New York and Illinois 4. Nine Departments had 2 Posts in the 2,000 class and ten had 1 such Post. Post 1, Denver, Colo., had 11,118 members; Post 1, Omaha, Neb., had 11,072. Third was Post 14, Shreveport, La., with 5,963. Also over 5,000 were: Post 23, Milwaukee, Wis., and Post 1, Memphis, Tenn. Post 799, Buffalo, N. Y., had 4,023. Eleven other Posts had more than 3,000 paid-up members by the end of June.

COMIC BOOKS:

Clean Up?

They made a noise as if they meant business. On Sept. 16, at a meeting in New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, all but 3 of the nation's leading comic book publishers got together and swore to clean house of the repulsive little segment of their big business that has brought heat aplenty on the comic book medium. Twenty-four of the 27 bigtime comic publishers joined in a new Comics Magazine Ass'n. of America. Also in the circle were 5 comic engraving firms, 7 comic distributors, 6 printers of comics and 1 comic matmaker. First and foremost, said the Ass'n., terror and horror

comics would get kaputted by their group. The Ass'n. named a czar, N. Y. City Magistrate Charles F. Murphy, to take over as Code Administrator on his retirement from the bench, Oct. 1. Murphy would get a budget of \$100,000 a year on a two year contract to run the Ass'n. He would have a staff of readers to judge if proposed comics would meet the as-yet-unwritten code. Approved comics would get the Ass'n. Seal of Approval, displayed conspicuously on the cover as a guide to the buyer. Disapproved comics would get no seal.

Not in the Ass'n. were 3 big outfits. One was Dell, biggest of all and generally in good taste. Another was Classics Illustrated, also with a record of good taste. Third was William Gaines, generally agreed to be the Mr. Hyde of the



Czar Murphy . . . new code

horror comic field, whose illustrated nightmares have peddled sadism, masochism, blood and guts like crazy. Gaines, whose testimony before a Senate committee set standards of taste unrecognized by most Americans, came out independently on Sept. 14 and said he would get out of the horror field on his own.

Said Gaines: "American parents will be served."

Said N. Y. State Assemblyman James A. Fitzpatrick, head of a committee ready to handle the problem by NY State law: "Our committee has repeatedly pointed to the work of Mr. Gaines as a perfect example of the worst type of comic book."

Said Judge Murphy: "I am not so naive as to believe . . . any single individual publisher can win public confidence by promising he will screen his own books."

In one Gaines comic a woman split a man's head with a cleaver, hacked his body to pieces and displayed his internal organs as fare in a restaurant. A full

page editorial in one Gaines comic advised Gaines' horror book readers that criticism of comic books is communist inspired. The editorial advised that if "some joker" should get in your PTA and complain about bad taste in comics he would probably be a communist or a dupe of communists.

Appraisal

As a beginning, the new effort of Comics Magazine Ass'n. has the encouragement of The American Legion. In knowledge of the effort, American Legion Child Welfare resolutions directed toward urging additional controls of comic books were held in abeyance at the 1954 Nat'l Convention, while self-police efforts of the comic industry would be watched. But the Convention called for continuation of study of undesirable comic books by the Nat'l Child Welfare Commission and resumption of a more militant stand if "improvements do not materialize within reasonable time."

The official Legion position should be noted in view of reports of pressure, locally, by comic interests for a withdrawal of criticisms and issuance of public praise based on the Waldorf meeting and the appointment of Judge Murphy. Sense of Legion policy is that future product of the publishers would be basis of Legion attitude. Comic Ass'n., just beginning, has no code, no seal, has done nothing—yet.

REHABILITATION:

Kick in Teeth

Arnold Cianella, of Brooklyn, N. Y., feels with considerable justice that he has been kicked in the teeth. Cianella has unsuccessfully devoted a large amount of his time for several years to undo an injustice growing out of the Korean war. Cianella, a WW2 veteran, saved his GI Bill educational rights to go to medical school, meanwhile putting himself through undergraduate school without using GI rights.

Cianella was called back to duty during the Korean conflict, and while he was in service his time for applying his WW2 GI Bill educational rights expired. Result: Cianella (who was accepted by Georgetown U. Med school in 1952) lost his GI entitlement. He has K-Bill educational rights, but they are far less than the WW2 rights that he had and lost through Korean service, and Cianella is still not in med school.

The American Legion, familiar with Cianella's case, introduced HR 2979 in Congress in 1953 to remedy all cases in which WW2 vets lost educational rights through involuntary Korean service. The Bill has rested in a subcommittee in the House ever since. Inaction seems to be

based on feeling in legislature that few such cases exist. *The American Legion Magazine* would be interested in hearing from other WW2 vets who lost GI Bill educational rights because their delimiting date occurred while they were involuntarily back in service.

CONFERENCES:

Top Dept Officials Meet

Three major Nat'l American Legion events were scheduled for the first two weeks in October. They were:

1. The Nat'l Conference of Department Commanders and Adjutants at Nat'l Hq in Indianapolis, Oct. 1, 2 and 3.

2. The annual fall meeting of the Nat'l Executive Committee at Nat'l Hq in Indianapolis, Oct. 5, 6 and 7.

3. The Nat'l Comdr's homecoming at Las Cruces, N. M., (Home town of Nat'l Cmrd Seaborn Collins) on Oct. 9.

The last two events above occurred too close to press time for coverage here; will be summarized in the December issue.

The three-day meeting of the Dept Commanders and Adjutants consisted of a series of panels of the entire group, which heard and discussed reports from the major Nat'l divisions. Major emphasis of the meeting was given to the 1955 membership campaign, particularly that phase of it that would end on next Dec. 31.

Sense of the membership discussions was that each department would continue to clean up the bulk of the membership drive as early as possible. It is a highly desirable aim for the good of the Legion, in that the quicker the annual membership job is done, the more effectively can The American Legion devote its energies to its positive programs. Early work on membership had already produced significant results as the department officials conferred. On Oct. 3, closing day of the conference, 1955 membership reported to Nat'l Hq stood at 361,677. It was 20,395 ahead of the same date last year. Last year's early reports had, in turn, run well ahead of previous years.

Final actions of the conference included the annual telegraphic roll call of the departments for pledges of membership to be delivered by Dec. 31. Departments pledged a total of 1,781,034 by that date, 119,429 more than had been pledged in last year's roll call when pledges were actually exceeded by 122,000 on Dec. 31.

Highlight of the meeting was an inspiring talk by Ed Viehman, Minneapolis Legionnaire, radio and TV executive, and World War II vet. Viehman, who had saturated himself in American Legion history and knowledge of its programs and policies as background material for a series of broadcasts, said in

essence that he had joined the Legion because of the Legion's resolute facing up to serious national problems.

Outstanding aspects of other Nat'l division reports to the Conference included:

► **Legislative:** The trend in Washington toward rewriting veterans' pensions and compensation laws, tying those awards to social security and/or other general welfare programs. (See also, "Newsletter," this issue).

► **National Security:** The high priority given UMT in the 1955 American Legion program; the continued low-rating of Civil Defense on the national scene, compared to its responsibilities and awful obligations in the event of a modern war.

► **Public Relations:** The growing impact on the general public of the work of The American Legion's major standing and special programs.

LEGISLATION:

It Takes One Man

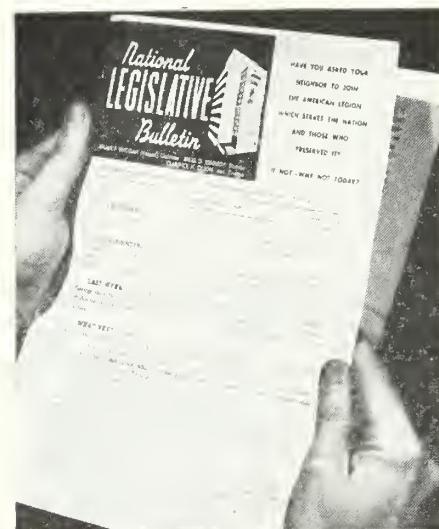
Last March, *The American Legion Magazine* reported the action of one man — V. L. Tatlock, Post 255, Tescott, Kansas, at a Post Meeting. The Chaplain and Historian of his Post, Tatlock felt that too little interest was being shown in the Legion's legislative work.

The answer to the problem, he thought, could be found in the *Nat'l Legislative Bulletin*. Said Tatlock: ". . . each Post ought to get it so that we know what's happening to our mandates in Washington. Maybe what we need is somebody to make a motion that we spend \$3 for a year's subscription. I so move."

Seconded and passed unanimously, the motion made Post 255 one of the 5,500 subscribers to the Legion's bi-weekly report on legislative doings.

In September, referring to the story of Tatlock's motion, Assistant Nat'l Legislative Director "Cap" Olson voiced the hope that all of the Legion's 17,000 Posts would come up with the one man

needed to make a similar motion. The 5,500 subscriptions, Olson pointed out, were far short of the potential of 31,000 which would put one copy of the Bulletin in each of the Legion's Posts and Auxiliary Units.



From Washington . . .
Legislative News

The 4-page, bi-weekly *Bulletin* reports on the matters of interest to the Legion. It gives the status of bills supported or opposed by the Legion; analyzes Legion stand on various questions and gives Legionnaire subscribers an insight into official Washington.

The *Bulletin* serves as a guide on the complicated legislative process. It also acts as the Legion's warning bell to arouse grass-roots support when needed to support or oppose bills in which the Legion is interested.

The Auxiliary this year has a special incentive to get subscriptions to the *Bulletin*. Auxiliary Dept Legislative Chmn will get awards for subscriptions in their Departments in proportion to total number of Units. To equalize differences in membership, the awards will be made in three categories.

For the convenience of readers, a subscription coupon is published below.

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NAT'L SECURITY:

UMT In 1955?

In early Sept., as The American Legion Convention drew to a close, a note of cautious optimism was sounded over one of the Legion's oldest mandates. After 34 years, 1955 looked like the best year ever for the successful completion of the Legion's UMT Program.

Legionnaire President Eisenhower, speaking to the delegates gathered in Washington's Nat'l Guard Armory and

unequipped reserve units almost wholly devoid of enlisted men."

For any who doubted that UMT was necessary, the military men who came to the Legion's Convention dispelled the notion. Some of their comments:

Gen. Charles L. Bolte, Vice Chief of Staff, USA: "Despite all our efforts we have not been able to attract the number of Reservists necessary to man more than one-third of the units we consider essential."

Gen. Thomas D. White, Vice Chief of Staff, USAF: "We are losing highly



President Eisenhower



A. J. Hayes



Adm. Arthur W. Radford

a nation-wide TV and radio audience, laid it on the line:

"... political timidity must no longer bar a program so absolutely essential to our defense. Establishment of an adequate reserve — an objective for which The American Legion and other patriotic organizations have vainly fought for a generation — will be a number one item submitted to the Congress next year."

The Convention's Nat'l Security policy statement spelled out the history of the fight for UMT and underscored its needs. The sense of resolutions brought to the Convention by 23 Departments was incorporated in the statement which prefaced its remarks with the observation that, "In a democracy the privileges and obligations of citizenship should be shared equally."

The obligations at least, said the Legion, were not being shared as was shown by "the recall of over 600,000 veterans of WW2 into the Korean conflict in lieu of hundreds of thousands of those of the proper age and physical condition who had never rendered any service and had therefore incurred no reserve liability."

Speaking to the Legion's Nat'l Security Commission, Past Nat'l Cmdr Warren Atherton, a member of the President's Nat'l Security Training Commission, warned that "... depending on men who won the last war to win the next is unsafe, unfair and unrealistic."

Even worse, Atherton said, was that "these old veterans are not organized or equipped for immediate service." Aside from the partially trained and equipped National Guard, "there are only a few

skilled officers and men faster than we can replace them."

Admiral DeWitt C. Ramsey, Pres., Aircraft Industries Association: "All of the military air services are experiencing serious difficulties in obtaining and retaining qualified personnel."

Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Chmn, Joint Chiefs of Staff: "Today our Reserve forces are not adequate to meet the needs of our national security."

Summing it all up was President Eisenhower who said, "We have failed miserably to maintain that strong, ready military reserve in which we have believed for 150 years."

In strong language the Legion called upon itself to bring to life the two-year-old Public Law 51 which "approved the principle of Universal Military Training", but which has been left unused and unimplemented.

Speaking from experience the Legion voiced a fact which UMT opponents would like to forget. "In an emergency, every able bodied man will be called upon to serve or to fight, the only real question being whether such able bodied men will fight as useful trained men and as useful trained units or be sacrificed as useless individuals and useless units by reason of their lack of training."

To get the law implemented and to act as a watchdog on Congressional action in the coming session, the Convention mandated:

- (1) The National Commander appoint a Nat'l Security Training Executive Committee to
- (2) Draft and introduce in the 84th Congress a bill to implement UMT in accordance with Legion principles
- (3) Make UMT the

number one legislative project for 1955.

In Washington, with Congress home for the election campaigns, the only news of UMT was the announcement of the appointment of A. J. Hayes, President of the International Machinists Union to be a member of the Nat'l Security Training Commission to replace Dr. Carl Compton, deceased.

AMERICANISM:

Get Out The Vote

On Sept. 23, Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn P. Collins asked all American Legion Posts to step up their efforts to get a major turnout of voters for the Nov. 2 nationwide elections.

In asking for Post help to arouse qualified voters to exercise their voting rights, the Commander urged that special attention be given to having the American Flag displayed at or near the polling places.

"I Pledge To Vote" lapel buttons, similar to those used in the 1952 campaign are still available at Nat'l Emblem Sales Division, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Ind. The cost is \$4.00 per thousand.

A suggested "Get Out The Vote" radio script suitable for American Legion speakers or adaptable to radio spot announcements is available from the Nat'l Public Relations Division without charge.

Veterans Day

When on Nov. 11 the nation observes Veterans Day for the first time, the Legion will participate in the naturalization of 50,000 citizens. At the invitation of U. S. Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn P. Collins asked The American Legion's Departments and Posts to contact the District Directors of Immigration and Naturalization to arrange plans for the ceremonies.

Veterans Day replaced Armistice Day when Legion-sponsored Public Law 380 was signed by President Eisenhower on June 1. Law changed the name of the day which commemorates the service of the men and women in the Armed Forces.

The change of Citizenship Day, formerly Constitution Day, to Sept. 17, made the naturalization of new citizens on that date impossible because of the law prohibiting the granting of citizenship during the sixty days preceding a general election.

As a result Veterans Day was selected as an appropriate time for the granting of citizenship to those who have qualified.

The ceremonies will see the naturalization of 8,000 new citizens in the

Hollywood Bowl in California, 8,000 at New York's Polo Grounds, 6,500 in Brooklyn's Ebbets Field, 1,000 in Newark and smaller groups all over the nation.

Recommended Reading

A newly revised list of 48 books dealing with communism at home and abroad has just been issued by the Nat'l Americanism Commission. The list, together with the details of the Memorial Book Plan, is available without charge from the Nat'l Americanism Commission, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Ind.

The books, all currently in print, are grouped under three broad headings: Communism in the United States, World Communism, and Communist Strategy and Tactics. In addition to serving as a guide for worthwhile gifts to local libraries, the list will serve the individual reader as a check list for his own education on the communist conspiracy.

EDUCATION:

More Than The Three R's

The Nov. 25, 1921, issue of *The American Legion Weekly* reported that, "The National Americanism Commission of The American Legion some time ago decided that it would be well if Legionnaires and the public generally could be made to understand what is going on in the schools today. That is the idea behind Education Week." The Commission then took up the question with the Nat'l Education Ass'n., and a joint committee of the two organizations worked out the details of the first American Education Week, Dec. 4-10, 1921. That was the beginning of American Education Week, which will be observed for the 34th time Nov. 7-13. The program was begun in order to focus public attention on the needs, aims, and achievements of our schools, and to promote the teaching and fostering of Americanism in the schools.

Joint Effort

A recent example of The American Legion's continuing interest in teaching Americanism in the schools came from New Mexico. There a joint committee of The New Mexico Education Ass'n. and The American Legion prepared a booklet which contrasts the American way of life with that of the communist slave states. Fifteen thousand copies of the booklet, *The Democratic Way of Life and Soviet Communism*, will be distributed to high school and college students in New Mexico. The booklet contains forewords by Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn P. Collins; J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI; and William A. Early, former President of the Nat'l Education Ass'n.



At the cornerstone laying for the new Post Home for Post 136, Greenbelt, Md., on Aug. 29 are (l. to r.) Past Nat'l Cmdr George N. Craig, with trowel; Frank Riley, president of Post Home Corp., wearing bow tie; Congressman Frank Small, Jr., without hat; and Mayor Frank Lastner of Greenbelt, Md., in white suit. Inset, left: George Brunatti, architect of the new building.

BRIEFLY NOTED:

• Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn P. Collins has urged that all Legionnaires not only see the documentary film, *This Is Your Army*, but that they make sure that their families and friends see it. The film, produced by Fox Movietone News under direction of the Army Chief of Information and the Signal Corps, will be shown in movie theaters across the country early in December. The movie, which was two years in the making, contains scenes shot at various Army installations throughout the world. Cmdr Collins also asked that each Legion Post support and assist local theater owners to interest their fellow citizens in seeing how the modern Army is put together and how it handles its world-wide responsibilities in the Atomic Age.

• Winners of the American Legion Editorial Awards for 1953-54 have been announced. They are: *The Indianapolis News*, Indianapolis, Ind., for its American Legion Birthday tribute; *The Trentonian*, Trenton, N. J., for its editorial "The Way Back," a tribute to the Back To God movement; Don Barry, of *The Era*, Bradford, Pa., for his editorial column, "Born of War, Valiant Legion Lives in Peace;" Jack Hamm, of Waco, Tex., for his religious drawing, *Back on the Foundation*, published in more than 500 American newspapers.

Honorable mention citations were awarded to: *The Newport News*, Newport, R. I.; *The Times-Advertiser*, Trenton, N. J.; *The Lewiston Journal*, Lewis-

ton, Maine; *The Sunday Times*, Baltimore, Md.

• The American Legion Radio Award for 1953-54 was tendered jointly to the American Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting System, the Mutual Broadcasting System, and the National Broadcasting Company for the broadcast of the Feb. 7, 1954, Back to God program.

The Columbia Broadcasting System won the 1953-54 American Legion Television Award for: (1) its presentation of the Back to God program, Feb. 7, 1954; (2) its telecast in cooperation with The American Legion of the Flag Raising Ceremony at the Nat'l Capitol on Flag Day, June 14, 1954; and (3) "its continued cooperation with The American Legion in other endeavors to stir the patriotism of the people of the United States."

• Chaplain Henry G. Spraggins, former gambler who reformed and who served with the 357th Inf. Regt., 90th Div., wants to contact former members of this regiment for two reasons: (1) to appear in the battle scenes of the movie *From Hell To Glory*, based on the Chaplain's life; and (2) to attend a reunion banquet in Los Angeles. Write the Chaplain c/o Producers Guaranty Co., 6000 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood 28, Cal.

• The Back to God movement, which encourages regular church or synagogue attendance, daily family prayer, religious training of all youth, is now a permanent American Legion program. The campaign, endorsed by each Nat'l Con-

vention since 1951, was unanimously endorsed by the 36th Nat'l Convention in Washington, D.C., this year. Delegates to that Convention also urged that standing committees at National, Department, and Post levels push the campaign.

► The Dept of Michigan reached a milestone in its fight against tuberculosis when it dedicated the new \$450,000 addition to The American Legion Hospital at Battle Creek. The new wing is the first hospital building erected by State funds on State property but furnished and equipped entirely by contributions of Michigan Legionnaires and Auxiliary members who donated more than \$30,000 to the one-story, 120-bed unit. In addition to the furniture and equipment, the donors also provided a complete audio, radio and electronic control system for the patients.

► What is said to be the largest shipment of relief goods ever delivered to a 5th Air Force unit in Korea—thirteen tons of used clothing and shoes, and vitamins—has been received by the 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing in response to a plea by the Wing Chaplain, Father Edmund J. Fleming, Past Dept Chaplain of Massachusetts. The goods, first of some 60 tons, which are the fruits of an eight-month campaign by the Massachusetts 40&8, are being distributed to approximately 2500 Koreans in five orphanages (two of which are sponsored by the 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing), a hospital, and a home for the aged in the Seoul area.

► The Dept of Defense has announced that Christmas parcels for members of the Armed Forces overseas should be mailed by Nov. 15. Boxes addressed to an Army or Fleet Post Office should not weigh more than 70 lbs. nor be more than 100 inches in length and girth combined. Air parcel post may not weigh more than two lbs.

► In Sept., Mrs. R. J. Murray, 70, of Eaton, Colo., got a free trip to Hawaii when her son Capt. Edward R. Murray, stationed at Tripler Army Hospital, Honolulu, became the first winner of the "Hometown USA" Contest, jointly sponsored by The American Legion and Pan American World Airways. Capt. Murray had entered the contest, first of a series to be conducted for American forces overseas, by submitting a request to the Washington, D. C., office of The American Legion, for a tune to be played for his mother on his home town radio station. The tune was played and Murray's name was drawn—winning the trip for his mother.

► Some former members of the 305th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, are producing a history of that outfit. The book will

be loaded with pictures and will cover the activities of the group during and after WW2. Since the project to complete the history is not a profit-making venture, the book will be provided to former 305th members at cost of printing and production; all other work involved in its preparation is being donated by former members. Many of the people who were in the 305th (among them: Gen. Curtis LeMay, Cmdr, Strategic Air Command, who, as the group's first CO, took it into combat in the ETO) have been trying for years to make such a history available. But there is a difficulty: those who are writing the history need to hear from many more former members of the group in order to make the project a success. They ask that all old 305th'ers put out a maximum effort in spreading the word that those who wish to order the history or to get information about it should write: P.O. Box 305, Times Square Station, New York 36, N. Y.

► Dept of Missouri is distributing to new Post Commanders in Missouri a small pamphlet called *Mr. Commander, A Personal Word Please*, which—in very brief space—arms a new Post Commander with basic aids for discharging his responsibilities. Any Post Commander who heeds its advice (given succinctly in five pages) will have a highly successful year. A detailed calendar of important American Legion programs and events is included.

RECENT POST DOINGS:

► Post 1217, New York, N. Y., gave the 1954 Bill of Rights Gold Defense Medal to William Randolph Hearst, Jr., to commend his publications "for steadfastly proclaiming, with surpassing excellence, the expression of the glory of American history, ideals and way of life throughout these critical times and against as serious a subversive conspiracy as our country has ever experienced."

► Post 1, Manila, Philippines, awarded a parchment scroll for valor to the crew of the aircraft from Clark Air Force Base which rescued nine survivors of a Cathay Pacific airliner which had been shot down by communist Chinese fighter planes south of Hainan Island.

► Post 199, Hawthorne, N. J., raised more than \$2,000 for its building fund by distributing maps of Hawthorne containing a street index, and a listing of fire calls and community services. Post Cmdr Jack Meyers has offered to relay details of the plan and a copy of the map to any Post interested in the endeavor. Address inquiries to Meyers at 110 Tuxedo Ave., Hawthorne, N. J.

► For the third year, Post 1, Denver, Colo., with the cooperation of the Moun-

tain States Telephone & Telegraph Co., is paying the wire transmission costs to supply the Football Roundup to patients at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital by means of bedside earphones. Post also presented a framed facsimile of the Declaration of Independence to the school for tuberculous children at the National Jewish Hospital, in Denver.

► Post 270, Venango, Neb., whose 1955 membership as of Sept. 8 was 72, has completed work on its Post home. The building was purchased for \$1,000 and an additional amount of approximately \$7,000 for materials was raised through the efforts of the Post and Unit and other organizations and individuals. Post members did 95% of the labor required for the remodeling and repair of the building as well as for the construction of a community playground which the Post is building on an adjacent lot.

► When Judy Oakwood won the \$200 award in the Illinois Dept Essay Contest she became the third consecutive winner sponsored by Post 610, of Oakwood.

► Among the achievements of Post 200, Black River Falls, Wis., are: (1) sponsorship of the Jackson Little League baseball loop for boys eight through twelve years in Black River Falls; and (2) distribution of Grace Before Meals cards as part of its Back to God Program.

► Post 365, Bay Shore, N. Y., has initiated a counseling service called "Youth Problems, Unlimited." Its aim is to provide advice concerning youth problems for children of all ages and their parents. The service is offered at no charge and freedom from publicity is assured. Post offers the phrase "Youth Problems, Unlimited" to any Post which may care to adopt the idea, and has expressed desire to hear what developments may occur in those Posts which begin similar programs.

► Members of Post 73, Vincennes, Ind., have come up with a double-barreled method of helping the March of Dimes and, at the same time, increasing membership. During the recent emergency March of Dimes campaign, Post voted to donate one dollar of the membership dues to the polio drive. Result: 100 members paid their 1955 dues, and a check for \$100 was presented to the County March of Dimes Committee.

► Post 125, Pennsauken Township, N. J., submitted a resolution to the Township Committee asking that legislation be enacted to prohibit the sale, distribution, and dissemination of lewd, obscene, and horrendous comic books. As a result of that resolution, a citizens' committee has been formed to make a thorough study of the problem and to

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in this moment

The prayer lingers still . . . across the table as Dad begins to serve . . . it brushes Mother's still-bowed head . . . it caresses Sally's fist as she reaches for the promised drumstick. The words of thanksgiving are being made real in this moment—the words of gratitude from a good provider to the Great Provider.

This time of security together is precious beyond all words.

The most precious gift we give or receive is the gift of security. It is the lifeblood of happiness. And only in a land like ours are we free to choose security as a goal of living.

And with this choice goes another great privilege—helping to achieve the security of our country. For, secure homes, one joining another, make up the security of America.

Let this be the goal of your home!

Saving for security is easy! Read every word

—now! If you've tried to save and failed, chances are it was because you didn't have a *plan*. Well, here's a savings system that really works—the Payroll Savings Plan for investing in U.S. Savings Bonds. This is all you do. Go to your company's pay office, choose the amount you want to save—a few dollars a payday, or as much as you wish. That money will be set aside for you before you even draw your pay. And automatically invested in Series "E" U.S. Savings Bonds which are turned over to you.

If you can save only \$3.75 a week on the Plan, in 9 years and 8 months you will have \$2,137.30. If you can save as much as \$18.75 a week, 9 years and 8 months will bring you \$10,700!

U.S. Series "E" Savings Bonds earn interest at an average of 3% per year, compounded semi-annually, when held to maturity! And they can go on earning interest for as long as 19 years and 8 months if you wish.

If you want your interest as current income, ask your bank about 3% Series "H" Bonds which pay interest semiannually by Treasury check.

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take whatever steps it deems necessary to curb the flow of this trash. The committee is comprised of leading members of church groups, vets' groups, service organizations, PTA groups, & civic groups.

) For two years Post and Unit 122, Methuen, Mass., have participated with other organizations in that community in conducting a "Prom Night" for high school students. Highlights of the events have been the showing of an after-the-dance movie under conditions similar to a Hollywood premier, with uniformed Legionnaires escorting young ladies to the lobby of the theater, and the serving of a turkey supper after the movie. Results: No auto accidents, no anxious parents, no trouble of any kind.

) Post 111, Tampa, Fla., has provided rent-free space for the Tampa Air Force Recruiting Station.

) Post 1240 (Republic Aviation Post), Suffolk County, N. Y., which collected \$14,392.55 from Republic Aviation employees in a "Buddy Box" campaign last Christmas, recently did the very important job of following up with an accounting of the use of the money. Gifts and funds were distributed to four hospitals and sanitaria caring for veterans in N. Y. State, to a county welfare and hospital fund, to the Legion State veterans rest camp, to a veteran's widow, and to a hospitalized veteran in bad financial straits. \$13,792.55 of the total went for equipment and gifts for the comfort of patients in four hospitals, including a public address system, radios, TV sets, books, clothing, tape recorders, cigarettes, tobacco, candy, etc.

) Spurred by the article "Who Are the Censors?" (*The American Legion Magazine*, July, 1954), Post 272, Rockaway Beach, N. Y., has begun a program whereby the Post Americanism Chmn will buy two pro-American or anti-communist books each month. One volume is for the Post Library, the other is to be given to the local public library.

) Post 124, Kansas City, Mo., has sponsored Scout Troop 105 for 29 consecutive years, and for the past 10 years has sponsored Cub Pack 105.

) Post 1060, Brooklyn, N. Y., has recently: (1) distributed to the public schools in the Flatlands section of Brooklyn thousands of book covers bearing the name of the Post and stressing the Back to God program; (2) begun the first youth organization in Flatlands, which plans to enroll all boys age 10 through 16 in the community, and which will register each boy as a member of the national Amateur Athletic Union; (3) been the scene of the first of a series of presentations of Grand Opera, (4) circularized all its 500 members by means of a self-addressed, stamped ques-

tionnaire to ascertain on which committees they would prefer to serve and how much time they could spare for such service.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

Jobs, Honors, Activities

Charles E. Daniel, Past Cmdr of Post 14, Anderson, S. C., appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late U. S. Senator Burnet R. Maybank.

Lee Ward, Past Dept Cmdr of Arkansas (1949-50), elected Chancery Judge for the largest Chancery District in Arkansas.

Paul Rutheiser, Past Cmdr, 1st District, Dept of New York, appointed Director of Veterans Affairs for the City of New York.

Mrs. Sarah B. Seibert, appointed Adjutant of the Dept of Mexico.

James S. Gwaltney, appointed Adjutant of the Dept of Illinois, succeeding Leonard W. "Doe" Esper who resigned to enter private business.

John M. Lindsay, appointed Adjutant of the Dept of Nevada.

Frank I. Hale, of Los Angeles, Cal., who served as Administrative Assistant to Past Nat'l Cmdr Lewis K. Gough, elected President of the California Grocers' Ass'n.

Clayton B. Orth, Dept Adjt of Arizona, hospitalized in Phoenix, Ariz., following a heart attack.

Died

Jay Catherwood Hormel, for many years Chmn of The American Legion Employment Committee, of a coronary occlusion, at his home in Austin, Minn. Chmn of the board of one of the world's largest meat packing concerns, he was the first to can ham successfully. During the depression, Mr. Hormel established a guaranteed annual wage for his employees.

Bertram W. Wall, Past Dept Cmdr of Rhode Island (1923-24).

Chester H. Grant, Past Dept Cmdr of Massachusetts (1940-41), of a heart attack.

Judge J. A. Howell, Past Nat'l Vice Cmdr (1925-26) of Ogden, Utah.

John E. Newcomb, 93, of Augusta, Ill., the oldest living combat veteran of WWI in The American Legion.

Frank J. Schneller, Past Dept Cmdr of Wisconsin (1927-28), after a fall in his home.

Burnett Rhett Maybank, U. S. Senator from South Carolina, of a heart attack. The Senator, a member of Post 10, Charleston, S. C., served on The American Legion Nat'l Distinguished Guest Committee, 1941-42.

Pleas E. Greenlee, Past Dept Adjt of Indiana (1928-30), at his home in Shelbyville, Ind.

MISSING IN KOREA

Name, rank, and complete unit should be clearly spelled out — no abbreviations. Replies to these notices which ask for money should be reported to the editors.

1st Cav. Div., 5th Cav. Regt., Co. L — **Merle E. Wilson** missing Feb. 15, 1951. Anyone who has any information about him please write his mother, Mrs. Hazel L. Wilson, 356 S. Main St., Frankfort, Ind.

7th Div., 32nd Inf. Regt., Co. B — **Sgt. John E. Joens** reported missing Dec. 2, 1950. Anyone who has any information about him please write his mother, Mrs. Marie E. Joens, 629 S.E. 1st Ave., Cheshire Apts. #3, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

1st Cav. Div., 8th Engineer Combat Bn., Co. D — **Sgt. Willie N. Bryant** missing Sept. 4, 1950; reported dead July 16, 1952; recovered near Sansong. Anyone who knew him or who knows the circumstances of his disappearance please write his parents, Mr. & Mrs. W. N. Bryant, R. #2, Stillwell, Okla.

24th Div., 19th Inf., Co. F — **PFC Robert Hamilton** killed July 20, 1950. Anyone who served with him or who was with him at the time of his death please write his mother, Mrs. Helen Dumler, 112 Croft St., Cincinnati 32, Ohio.

32nd Inf. Regt., Co. B — **Pvt. Michael Dyondya** missing Dec. 2, 1950. Dept. of the Army has declared that he died Jan., 1951. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dyondya, 1634 E. 4th St., Bethlehem, Pa., would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew their son.

24th Div., 19th Inf., Co. A — **Pvt. Charles G. Kaniatobe** reported missing July 10, 1950; presumed dead Jan. 4, 1954. Anyone who served with him please write his father, Walter Kaniatobe, Rt. 1, B-94, Idabel, Okla.

8th Cav. Rgt., Co. A — **Pvt. Kenneth W. Lippert** reported missing Nov. 2, 1950, in the vicinity of Unsan. In Aug., 1953, he was reported to have died Feb. 16, 1951, in a POW Camp. His mother, Mrs. Vivian Lippert, 1552 Hammerly Ct., S.E., Canton, Ohio, would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew him after he was captured.

38th Field Artillery Bn. — **PFC James M. Liggett** missing Nov. 30, 1950. Anyone who knows what happened to him after that date please write Mr. & Mrs. Granville A. Liggett, R.I., Peabody, Kan.

24th Div., 19th Inf., Co. C — **PFC Reginald F. Shackleford** missing Jan. 1, 1951 near Chudlong-ni. Presumed dead by government Dec. 31, 1953. Anyone who served with him, or who knows what happened to him please write his mother, Mrs. Marie J. Shackleford, 1435 29th Ave., North, St. Petersburg, Fla.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Army

Space does not permit notices to contact persons for any purpose except to assist in establishing a claim for a veteran or his dependents. Statement to that effect should accompany notice.

42nd Div., 117th Ammunition Train, Co. D (WWI) — In order to establish a claim, I need to contact John A. Rufibach whose last known address was 46 Elizabeth St., Johnson City, N. Y. Anyone who knows his address write me, **Edwin F. Dale**, 801 E. Bryan, Sapulpa, Okla.

302nd Remount Station, Camp Upton, N.Y. (WWI) — Need to hear from those who remember my having been knocked — by others — from a runaway horse. The incident, which was in line of duty, took place between corrals. Would especially like to hear from Sgt. Williams, of Tucson, Ariz., and Sgt. Bentz, of El Paso, Tex. Help needed to establish claim. Write **Raymond Shay**, P.O. Box 433, Tombstone, Ariz.

90th Div., 357th Inf., Co. C — In 1945, at the Siegfried Line I was blown off the ground and landed on my back. Anyone who recalls the incident, or who knows the whereabouts of S/Sgt. Teck Hankins, of Texas, write me, **George D. Fox**, 16701 Star Route, Shady Spring, W. Va. Claim pending.

Santo Tomás Internment Center, Manila, P. I. — Need to contact an Army Repatriation Officer, whose rank was major, and who was at this station April-June, 1945. Anyone who knows his name or whereabouts write **D. Underhill**, Veterans Hospital, Napa County, Cal. Claim pending.

8th Div., 13th Inf., Co. C (WW1) — In order to establish claim, I need to contact Wilford Reed, who is thought to have been from Wisconsin. Anyone knowing his whereabouts write me, **David Brethauer**, Kirk, Colo.

Camp Hood, Tex., I.R.T.C., 95th Regt., 171st Bn., Co. D — Need to contact anyone who knows the whereabouts of Capt. Allen (Co. Commander), or the NCOs of the company (especially Cpl. Kessler or Keyzler), or who recalls the trouble I had walking and doing calisthenics, Nov., 1944. Also need to contact the Mess Sgt. who helped me when I was assigned to quarters after having been released from the hospital. Also need to hear from anyone who knows the whereabouts of Pablo Gonzales and Joseph B. Ryan, with whom I served in the 151st Bn., Co. C, Nov., 1945. Illness which troubled me at that time has developed into multiple sclerosis. Claim pending. Write me, **David Alt**, 314 Reaume Ave., Kaukauna, Wis.

127th Airborne Engr. Bn., Japan, Nov., 1945-Sept., 1946 — I was a medic (1/4) with H & S Co. at Sindie, and with Co. B at Sapporo. In Jan., 1946, my back was injured at Jump School at Sindie. Need to hear from anyone who remembers me or who recalls my having been injured. Especially need to hear from S/Sgt. Dollin (Los Angeles, Calif.), John Gaffney (Philadelphia, Pa.), PFC Lindinmier (Sioux City, Iowa), T/5 Pancou (Oak Park, Ill.), or William Frazier (Detroit, Mich.). Write me, **Norton L. Clock**, R. 1, Box 48, Hampden, N. Dak. Claim pending.

2nd Div., Infantry (WW1) — Anyone who knows the address of: Anna Forman, S. C. Cunningham, W. F. (or Olive) Maneher, Frank Freeman, or Lillian Winkler (believed to have last been in Denver, Colo.), contact Mrs. Helen Cannon, 1808 Poplar St., Amarillo, Tex. Need help to establish claim of **Newt Rough**. Also need to hear from anyone who served with Rough, who was hospitalized twice.

382nd Inf., Co. K (Oahu, Territory of Hawaii) — Need to contact anyone who has any information about **PFC Paul E. Stickley** who served with this outfit at Schofield Barracks, 1944. Write his mother, Mrs. Stella Stickley, c/o R. V. Long, Mt. Crawford, Va.

272nd Inf., Co. G (WW2) — Allen T. Goodwin (of Camas, Wash.) served as a First Scout with this outfit in the Bulge and in the Rhineland; he also had served in the ski troops in Colorado. Anyone who served with Goodwin or who remembers him write his widow, Mrs. Allen T. Goodwin, Ocean Park, Wash. Claim pending.

224th General Hospital Group, Chabua, India — While serving with this outfit, I suffered a back injury at the motor pool, June, 1945. I was hospitalized for six weeks; hospital records are lost. Anyone who served with me there (I recall Al Ford, of St. Louis, Mo.) write me, **Raymond W. Graves**, c/o Ernest Howard, Route #3, Rogers, Ark. Claim pending.

Base Hospital 202, Camp Cody, N. M. (WW1) — Need to contact anyone who remembers me or who remembers my motorcycle accident and my having had barbed wire wound around my neck. M/Sgt. McLaughlin (of Miles City or Billings, Mont.) was in the sidecar when accident occurred. Would also like to hear from Miss Crystal Eastman (Ogden, Utah), Miss Anderson (Devils Lake, N. D.), who were nurses in Ward 14; Graves Hulsey; and Johnson (Enid, Okla.). Write me, **Claude C. Hart**, Creighton, Neb. Claim pending.

Camp Lee, Va., Training Center, Central Officers Training School, 13th Co. — While testing gas masks during a night march, Nov. 30, 1918, I was injured. At the Training Center Infirmary, the case was diagnosed as severe sprain of the right knee; I was marked duty. With considerable difficulty I completed the course. Anyone who recalls the accident write me, **William A. Kimble**, 226 Park Entrance Drive, Lebanon Hills, Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh 28, Pa.

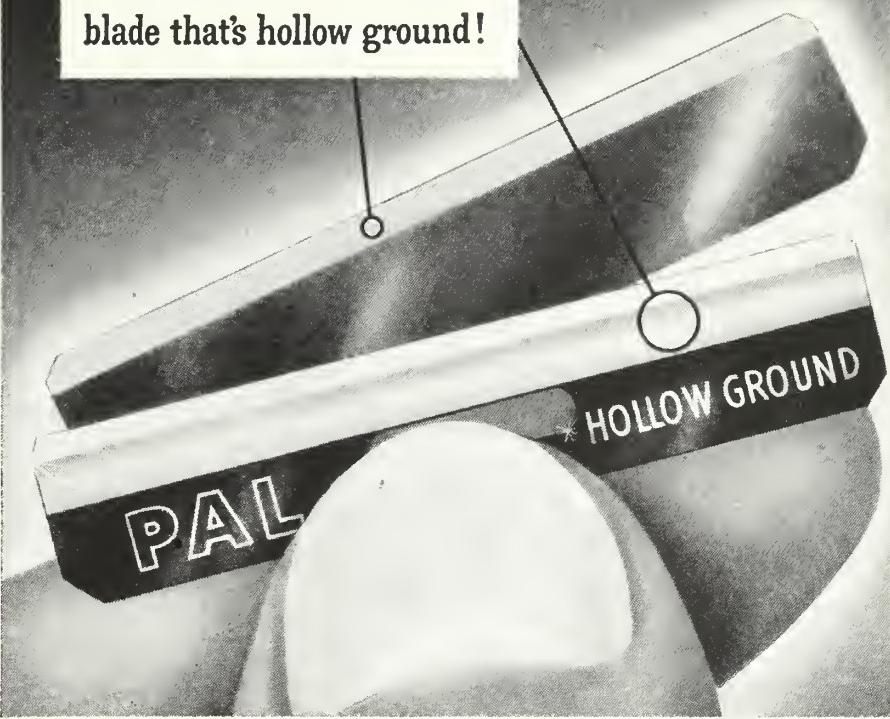
Fort Hood, Tex., 12th Armored Inf. Bn., Co. D — On July 21, 1950, **Casimire T. DeMoll** executed a will before 1st Lt. William O. Woodward. This was witnessed by M/Sgt. James (or Jerome) L. Giarin, S/Sgt. Frank Bradshaw, Sgt. Paul P. Burhin (or Burhim). DeMoll, who was a Sgt., later served in Korea with **Co. I or Co. D of the 19th Inf.** Anyone who knows the addresses of those who witnessed the will, or who is familiar with DeMoll's handwriting contact T. M. McBride III, 849 Nat'l Bank of Commerce Bldg., New Orleans 12, La.

Camp Atterbury, Ind., 184th Collecting Co. — In order to establish claim of **Julius Raymond Evans**, need to contact the following men who served with him in this outfit, Mar. 1951: John Dixon, George Dixon, Mike Ellis, Percy Hollands, Arthur Davis. Write John M. Monticue, Service Officer, 109 West Broadway, Monmouth, Ill.

465th Field Artillery Bn., Battery C — Anyone who served with this outfit in the Philippines and who remembers **Joseph J. Sitko** write him at 164 Newland Ave., Woonsocket, R. I. Claim pending.

464th C. A. Bn. (AA) — From Sept. 1943 through Mar. 1944, **PFC Thomas C. Vassar** served with this unit at Camp Davis, N. C. He now needs to contact Capt. Aaron J. Lane who was bat-

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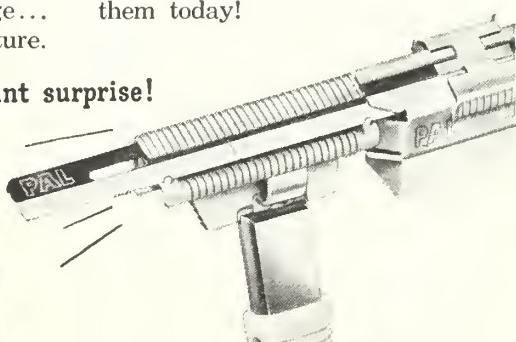
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tery commander at this time. Write Marshall E. Duggin, Service Officer, Woodbury, Tenn. Claim pending.

93rd AAA Gun Bn., Battery C — I served overseas from May 16, 1942 until July 25, 1945, when I left Okinawa. In order to establish claim arising from illness incurred in the Gilbert Islands, I need to contact: Mess Sgt. Harold L. Cox; T/4 Mike T. Corona, a cook; and Cpl. John G. Richwine. Write me, **Elmer Guthrie**, 629 Cedar St., Plainview, Tex.

32nd Engineers, Co. F (A.E.F. 1918) — Need to contact anyone who remembers my back injury. I was assigned to quarters for 13 days, because the hospitals were filled. Some of the men I remember were: Kitchen, Edwards, Hall, Turley, Gilmore, Burton, Louis. Write me, **Luther E. Attebery**, 1016 W. 1st St., Webb City, Mo. Claim pending.

5th Inf., Co. L, Ancon Hospital (Ancon, Panama) — In late 1915 or early 1916, **Pvt. John Sadoski** underwent an operation for the removal of varicose veins. Anyone who remembers him, especially Sgt. Price (of 5th Inf., Co. L) who was admitted to hospital same day for same kind of operation, contact Eugene Hummel, Jr., Commander, American Legion Post 264, Clerk's Box, Post Office, Camden, N. J. Claim pending.

23rd Engineers — Need to contact Red Ferguson and William B. Smith who were with me in this outfit at Fort Bliss, Tex., in 1917, when I lost my voice. Write me, **Alvin E. (Tex) Wern**, at R1, Box 1, Eufaula, Okla. Claim pending.

1st Div., 16th Inf., Co. L — While on patrol at night in early June, 1918, near Cantigny, my spine was injured when I fell into a shell hole and my weapon fired and hit a grenade carried by a corporal (his name sounded like Colby) with me. He was badly wounded and was replaced by another corporal whose name was Barry. Need to contact these men (about whose names I am not certain) and the following men (also not certain about their names): Capt. Logan, Sgt. Cooper, Pvt. Casper, Mann, Bogochko, Pastva, Post, Chapman, Russo. Write me, **Mike Kruike**, at Grand Marsh, Wis. Claim pending.

98th Div., 389th Inf. Regt. Co. M — About Dec. 27, 1945, while going toward Osaka, Japan, from Minoshima, the jeep in which I rode with an outgoing mail clerk named Zuckerman and two others rolled over. I am now hospitalized and need to contact anyone who knows anything about the incident or the whereabouts of those involved. Write me, **Leon Sprague**, at 306 East Thurston St., Elmira, N. Y. Claim pending.

Fort Benning, Ga., Reception Center — In order to establish claim, former **Sgt. James E. Williams** needs to contact two officers under whom he served at this station: Capt. Leon E. Chakin and Lt. Donald S. Culley. Write Williams at 148 U St., N.E., Washington, D. C.

Reynold Schaver — This man was born Mar. 5, 1905, at Underwood, N. D. He served during World War 2 and is believed to be a member of The American Legion. He is requested to contact his family in Ulysses, Kan., in connection with settlement of an estate.

10th Mountain QM Bn., Co. A, Pack Co. — In order to establish claim, **Jess L. Fowler** needs to contact 1st Sgt. Robert M. Powers (from New York State) and Capt. James B. Ingram (from Okla. or Tex.). Anyone knowing their addresses write Lynn E. Roberts, Service Officer, P.O. Box 156, Yreka, Cal.

Edgewood Arsenal, Md., Guard and Security Unit — Anyone who remembers **Raymond J. Baker** having suffered a broken nose during the summer of 1946, write him at 397 Pine St., Providence, R. I. Claim pending.

Fort Bragg, N. C., F.A.R.T.C., C-5-2, Pl. 2 — Need to hear from anyone who served with **Fred L. Foster** in this unit Feb.-June, 1945, or anyone who was with him on Leyte with the 45th Coast Artillery, Hq Bn., Aug.-Dec., 1945. Write Mrs. Fred L. Foster, Rt. 2, Box 100, Buford, Ga. Claim pending.

I.R.T.C., Fort McClellan, Ala.; O.C.S. Class 115, Fort Benning, Ga. — Need to contact anyone who served in these units with 2nd Lt. William Watt Russell. Also need to contact anyone who served with him at the Officers Mess Management Course G, Fort Bliss, Tex., or in the 97th Inf. Div., 387th Inf. Co. K, Camp Swift, Tex. He especially remembers (from Camp Swift) Lieutenants Chas. Sagona, Upperco, Eddie Reeves, Don Marvin, and Arthur Petchulat, and Cpl. Smith, Sgt. Kolesky, and Pvt. Moore. Write **William Watts Russell**, c/o Mrs. Alethia Anne Russell, 401 Fourth St., N.E., Cairo, Ga.

1st Div., 28th Inf., Co. A — On July 20, 1918, **Clarence L. Chatterton** was wounded near Soissons, France. In order to establish claim, need to hear from anyone who remembers the incident, or from Wm. E. Morse (a schoolmate who was a capt. in the 163rd Inf. in France, 1918). Write Chatterton's widow, Mrs. C. L. Chatterton, 2255 Claude St., Salem, Ore.

11th Airborne Div., 221st Medical Co. — Need to contact Casper Marking, of Ore., and Ronald Weidwald, of Johnstown, Pa. Write me, **Cornelius J. Dugan**, 5337 Osage Ave., Philadelphia

43, Pa. Claim pending.

Motor Supply Train, Co. 366, Reserve Mallet, attached to French Army — On May 27, 1918, I was gassed at Bussy DeLong, France, while our split convoy was hauling French reinforcements to the front. In order to establish claim, I need to contact persons who were in the convoy, especially: Lt. H. J. Harper, Lt. George L. Herrick, Walter V. Rowe, Arthur Lee Harris, Herbert Cassenellis, Russell R. Busick, Allen H. Jones, Jacob A. Groh, Robert W. Brothers, and Bernard C. Collins. Write me, **Ernest G. Smith**, 736 E. Linden Ave., Miamisburg, Ohio.

Camp Forrest, Tenn., Station Hospital, Patients Detachment — From about Nov. 15 to Dec. 1, 1943, Joe B. Baker was in this hospital as a result of an injury he had suffered while attempting to lift the trail of a 105 howitzer which had fallen on another soldier. Baker's back was permanently injured. There is no record of Baker's hospitalization. He needs to hear from anyone who remembers his having been hospitalized. Write **Joe B. Baker**, RFD 1, Graham, Tenn. Claim pending.

Camp Travis, Tex., 165th Depot Brigade, 1st Dev. Bn., 3rd Dev. Co. (WWI) — Anyone who served with **Pvt. Douglas L. Moffett** in this outfit, Sept.-Dec., 1918, or who knew him, or who knows anyone who served with this outfit write Mrs. D. L. Moffett, Rt. 3, Hermleigh, Tex. Claim pending.

95th Evacuation Hospital, Casablanca, North Africa — Need to contact former Capt. Max Ehrlich who served with this outfit as a doctor, in order to establish claim of former **PFC Rohrer A. Reising** of same outfit. Write Hermann A. Wenige, Service Officer, 217-219 West Court Ave., Jeffersontown, Ind.

40th Div., 108th Inf., Cannon Co. — On Guadalcanal my arm was severely burned when I rescued a gunner from a tank into which a jelly bomb had been thrown. I was hospitalized for another ailment at: **Schofield Barracks, T.H.**, 1944; at **Fort Lewis, Wash.**, 1945; at **Fort Douglas, Utah**, 1946. Need to hear from anyone who recalls my hospitalization, especially from Cpl. Nielson (guard at Japanese prison ward, Hospital 3, Fort Lewis, Wash., 1945), and from Col. Norton (Adjutant, 9th Service Command 1945-6). Claim pending. Write me, **N. L. Rogers**, c/o General Delivery, Salt Lake City, Utah.

1398th Engr. Bn. — Need to hear from anyone who remembers my having been sick on Okinawa after having been in hospital on Saipan. Would like to hear from anyone who served with me

on 10th Army Hq work, particularly from Col. McLain, Maj. Beggs, Capt. Swan, Lieutenants Croker, Randall, Bates, Braswell, and Fogg, and Doctors Neuren and Grady. Write me, (former T/Sgt.) **Frank A. (Pappy) Partridge**, 2527 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, Calif. Claim pending.

Navy

USS New Mexico (Mar., 1938-Oct., 1940) — Need to hear from anyone, especially those who were in "B" (Boiler) Division, who remembers Bernard (Barney) Bovin having been in Sick Bay suffering from "cat fever" and earache, Nov., 1940. Write **Bernard Bovin**, 1101 Union St., Brooklyn 25, N. Y. Claim pending.

101st Naval Construction Bn. — Need to hear from men from this outfit and from other Naval units who left Okinawa about Oct. 25, 1945 and arrived at Seattle, Wash., Nov. 10, 1945, and who remember my having undergone surgery aboard the transport; also need to know the name of the ship on which the operation took place. Write me, **Henry J. Brown** (former MM 2/c), 6224 Erdrick St., Philadelphia 35, Pa. Claim pending.

Armed Guard aboard SS Norlago — Need to contact anyone who served on this ship, 1943-44, and who knew **Earl (Bill) Driver**. Especially need to hear from Harold Yates. Write Earl W. Driver, Route 2, Smithville, Tenn. Claim pending.

U. S. Naval Supply Base, Cardiff, Wales — In 1919, John Mitchell, Y 1/c, was injured when he was crowded from a truck and fell to a cobblestone street. The truck operated between the dock and the Angel Hotel for the benefit of crew working at the "shed." Anyone who recalls the incident write **John Mitchell**, 1423 Malcolm Ave., Newport, Ark. Claim pending.

USS Pennsylvania (WWI) — Need to contact anyone, especially George Hagermann, who remembers that cold Jan., 1918, when we were in dry dock and were putting on the last coat of red lead by floodlights. I was under the scupper lip and got wet when someone drained a bathtub. Since I could not get off the stage until the bottom of the ship was painted, my clothes were frozen stiff on me. Write me, **Paul M. Block**, 724 Clark Rd., Lansing, Mich. Claim pending.

Goat Island Naval Hospital, San Francisco, Cal. — Aug. 26-Sept. 26, 1918 — In order to establish claim, need to hear from men who were in hospital for surgery at the same time I was. Write me, **Wesley Arthur (Whitey) Lindau**, 415 Dewey St., Oregon City, Oregon.

USS New Jersey (1918) — I was rammer man for the 8-inch quarterdeck turreted gun. Need to contact anyone who remembers my having been treated for rheumatic condition at Virginia Beach Rifle Range. Especially need to hear from Lt. Hoppe, medical personnel, and members of the third division. Write me, **Otto F. Marquardt**, 305 South 14 St., Salem, Ore. Claim pending.

LST 859; and Bainbridge, Md., 1st Bn., Co. 372 — Need to hear from someone who recalls the accident at Bainbridge in which my knee was injured. Especially need to hear from Dr. Koval, who drew the water from my knee. Also need to hear from those who served with me aboard LST 859, especially information concerning the many times my knee collapsed. Would particularly like to hear from Phm 1/c P. D. Thompson and Freddie Davis. Write me, **Randall J. Hurley**, Elm Ave., R.F.D., Burlington, Mass.

Norfolk, Va., Naval Operating Base, Marine Barracks; Little Creek, Va. (Sept., 1941-Dec., 1941) — Need to hear from Pvt. Lovelette who knows about the time I went blind while on guard duty at Norfolk, and who visited me at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va. Also need to contact anyone else who knows about the incident, especially the doctor who examined me at the N.O.B. Naval Yard. Write me, **Albert Pfund, Jr.**, 345 North 24th St., Louisville 12, Ky.

USS Mathews — Anyone who knows about the back injuries I (then C 1/c) received from the recoil of a 5-inch 38 at Okinawa, 1945, write me, **Lewis A. Ross**, 911 N. Dak. Ave., Sioux Falls, S. D. Claim pending.

LST 53 — Need to locate former Lt. Bayard W. Hendricks from Tennessee, in order to establish claim. Anyone who knows his address write **A. J. Miciotto**, 1801 Milam, Shreveport, La.

Adak, 1943-44 — In order to establish claim, need to contact a hospital attendant (who worked in the solarium) named "Al" who gave me treatments for injuries I suffered there. He had knowledge of chiropractic treatments and had studied in St. Louis, Mo. Write me, **Harold E. Love**, 5438 Delta, San Gabriel, Cal.

Air

Air Force Training Base, St. Petersburg, Fla. (1943) — Need to contact Lt. Gerald Shattlander who was in charge of targets 1-7 on the base and who, noting my hearing difficulty after firing

had begun, took me off the firing line. Also need to contact Dr. (Maj.) Craig Vanie (or Cragavanie), Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat Specialist at Coral Gables Hospital, Coral Gables, Fla. Write me, **B. M. Stanclift**, 101½ East 6th St., Kinsley, Kan.

6th Air Force, 20th Troop Carrier Sqdn. — Would like to hear from crew members who remember flight during which my C-47 was lost in hurricane en route San Juan, Puerto Rico, Halloween Day, 1944. Write me, **Donald H. Baker**, P.O. Box 145, Wethersfield 9, Conn. Claim pending.

Bergstrom Field, Tex., 1081st Guard Sqdn.; 807th A.A.F.B.U., Section A; Military Police Unit — When I fell out of a C-46 airplane one night in the first part of 1945, PFC Davis, whose home state was Indiana, helped me up. Davis may remember me as "Burhead." In order to establish claim, I need to hear from Davis. Write me, (former Cpl.) **Cecil J. Clifton**, R. 1, Box 208, Lexa, Ark.

Bowman Field, Ky., 27th Air Base Sqdn. — In order to establish claim, I need to contact anyone who served with me in this unit, 1942-43. Write me, (former Cpl.) **Joseph Bondy**, 532½ N. Bromley Ave., Scranton, Pa.

Eglin Field, Fla., 607th Single Engine Gunnery Training Sqdn., Aux. Field No. 1 (Oct., 1942-July, 1943) — In order to establish claim, I need to hear from 1st Sgt. McCallister or Cpl. D. Strausky, or anyone who served with me and who saw me almost walk into an airplane propeller, or who saw me run out of the tow target practice pit. Write me, **Albert Pfund, Jr.**, 345 North 24th St., Louisville 12, Ky.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Notices restricted to those which give: Name of outfit; date; city; meeting place of reunion; name and address of secretary.

Army

33rd Div. (California Chapter) — Annual reunion and banquet, Los Angeles, Cal.; Nov. 11; Rodger Young Auditorium. For details contact Bob Lindner, 5134 Clara St., Bell, Cal.

90th Div. — 36th annual reunion, Tulsa, Okla.; Nov. 12-14; Mayo Hotel. Info from Samuel W. Fry, Court House Bldg., Tulsa, Okla.

8th Inf. Regt. (WWI) — Annual reunion and dinner, San Francisco, Cal.; Nov. 6; Whitcomb Hotel. Write Henry M. Buckley, 375 9th St., San Francisco 3, Cal.

309th Field Artillery Ass'n. — Annual reunion, Rochester, N. Y.; Nov. 6; Doud Post American Legion Home, Buffalo Road. For info write Jack Regan, 875 Long Pond Road, Rochester 12, N. Y.

145th Inf., Co. G (WWI) — Reunion, Findlay, Ohio; Nov. 7; Moose Hall. Contact C. A. Presnell, 811 Park St., Findlay, Ohio.

322nd Field Signal Bn. (Northern California) — 37th anniversary reunion, Sacramento, Cal.; Nov. 6-7; Senator Hotel. Write Johnnie Bascom, 1221 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento, Cal.

322nd Field Signal Bn. (Southern California) — 37th anniversary reunion, Los Angeles, Cal.; Nov. 13. Write Dave Levenson, 512 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal.

138th Inf., Co. I — 33rd annual reunion, St. Louis, Mo.; Nov. 13; Hotel York. For details write A. L. Bardgett, 1240 Arch Terrace, Richmond Heights 17, Mo.

7th Ohio Inf. Regt. (Old Ohio Guard), Co. D (WWI) — Reunion, Pleasantville, Ohio; Nov. 14; American Legion Home, Post 9. Write J. E. Derbyshire, 309 E. Main St., Lancaster, Ohio.

Evacuation Hospital No. 37 — 36th annual reunion, Chicago, Ill.; Nov. 20; Bismarck Hotel. Contact Max A. Goldstein, 120 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill.

18th Engineers, Ry. (WWI), Seattle-Tacoma Area — Annual reunion, Nov. 11. For details contact Kenneth Mulligan, P.O. Box 1082, Tacoma, Wash.

74th Inf., Co. F; 108th Inf., Hq Co. — Annual reunion, Buffalo, N. Y.; Nov. 6; Hotel Lafayette. Write Joseph Silbert, 499 Washington St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Navy

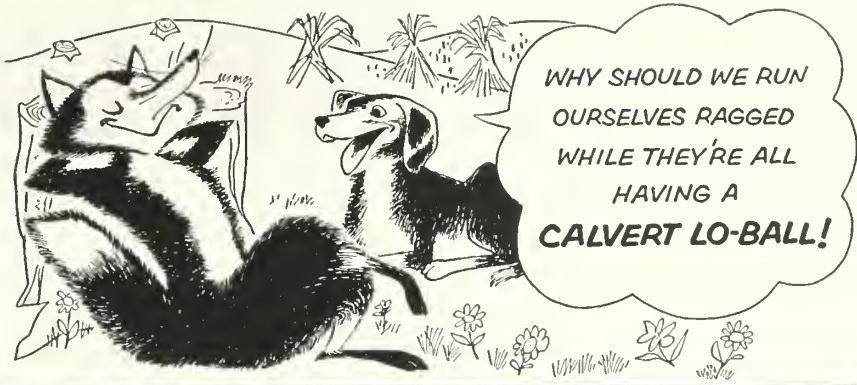
USS Leedstown Survivors Ass'n. — Annual reunion and dinner, New York, N. Y.; Nov. 6; Dunhill's Restaurant. Contact Frank A. Wiseman, 126 W. 82nd St., New York, N. Y.

USS Saratoga — 3rd annual reunion, Long Beach, Cal.; Nov. 27; Lafayette Hotel. Write H. G. Zinnecker, 4735 Graywood Ave., Long Beach 11, Cal.

USS Bolivar, Beach Party — Reunion, Cicero, Ill.; Nov. 27-28. Info from Ben Babka, 3516 South 59th Court, Cicero 50, Ill.

Air

557th Bomb Squadron Ass'n. — 3rd annual reunion, Dallas, Tex.; Feb. 12-14, 1955; Baker Hotel. Info from Bob Sarason, Hotel Governor Clinton, New York 1, N. Y.



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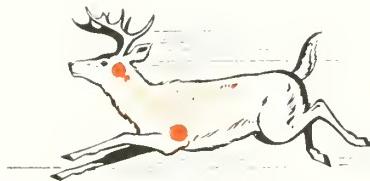
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Deer season is full upon us. Statewide reports claim that herds are bigger, fatter and healthier than they ever have been. If you're in a State permitting only the use of shotguns with rifled slugs, the following facts may help you bag your buck.

At 100 yards, the shotgun will shoot from 11 to 16 inches low. At 50 yards, the slug will drop 3 inches. Shot groups at 100 yards will have spreads of 15 inches. You should have no trouble keeping 50-yard shots in an 8-inch group. But remember, not all shotguns shoot alike. So before you start off after your buck, fire a few shots to check on accuracy. As soon as you slip a slug in your shotgun you are converting it into a high-powered rifle that will kill up to 600 yards.



Above is a simple sketch of a deer with shaded areas showing where you should place a shot to effectively down your deer. Red dots indicate sure kills. A hit in any other position will usually only cripple it and may mean a lost deer.

Don't bag your deer, then spoil the delicious meat by doing all the wrong things. It's a good idea to take along a small ax, a dozen feet of $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch rope and a sharp knife. After you shoot the deer, approach cautiously to make sure he's dead. The body then should be drained of blood as soon as possible. Insert your knife five inches at base of the neck and chest and cut sideways to sever blood vessels.

The deer should be placed on its left side or on its back with hind quarters down hill. Make a shallow cut through the abdominal wall, just above sexual organs. Turn knife, sharp side facing up and cut right up to the ribs. Then cut out the muscular sheet separating the lungs from the abdominal cavity, reaching into chest to sever the windpipe and food pipe. Remove lungs, heart, liver, stomach and intestines from the body. Cut around the anus so that it will easily pull out with the intestines. Save the eatable heart and liver and bury the remainder.

Cut off all bloodshot meat, prop chest and abdomen open to aid in cooling, and hang the body in a shaded spot. Wipe the entire body cavity dry with cloth, paper or dried leaves. Never wash it out with

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water. If you're going to bring the deer back on your car fender, wrap it well to protect it against dirt, heat and insects. Let the carcass cool at 40 degrees for a full week before storing it. Above all, do not let it freeze, then thaw, then freeze again. This ruins the meat.

And don't throw the hide away. Tanned deerskin can be worked into jackets, gloves and many other handsome items. The Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., has put out a booklet for 15 cents called *Home Tanning of Leather and Fur Skins*. It is catalog No. A 1, 9:13334/8.

Dale Folks, Rocky, Oklahoma, sends this our way: "When going to the duck blind, I find it a good idea to take along more than one duck call. They don't all work alike or the same way twice. . . . When building the duck blind, keep in mind that you are trying to conceal movement. If something loose on the blind moves, blows in the wind, all may be lost. . . . Common barnyard pigeons can be used to train your dog to hunt quail. Rock the bird, (swing a few times in the air in a circle to induce unconsciousness), place it in tall grass. It will stay put for your dog to hunt. The scents are almost identical. . . .

The New York State Conservation Department recently released figures on law violations for the first three months of 1954. It seems 637 violators were fined \$17,739.50. Some stiff fines were handed out. Two hunters were fined \$502.50 each for taking doe deer in closed season. One group of six duck hunters were heavily fined for taking more than their limit. They had 84 ducks. Carrying loaded guns in cars was a common violation. And we say it's also dangerous. Beware of trigger-happy shooting companions.

Jack C. Culbreath of the Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, informs us that Wildlife Leaflet #330 which was mentioned in our article "Hunting For Better Hunting" in the September issue has been discontinued. Mr. Culbreath states that the same information is now available from the National Wildlife Federation in their booklet "Organizations and Officials Concerned with the Protection of Wildlife and Other Natural Resources" and may be obtained from the Federation at 232 Carroll Street, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. The price is 25¢ per copy.

John Grisham sends in a report that the Roscoe-Enloe Post #5 of Jefferson City, Mo., staged a four-day Sportsmen Show on Sept. 8, 9, 10 and 11 at the Jaycee Fair Grounds in Jefferson City.

Events were: Coonhound Drag, Foxhound Drag, Checker Board Sam, Fox-Horn-Blowing Contest, Missouri State Duck-and-Goose-Calling Championship, Archery Exhibitions, Log-Sawing Contest, Wrestling Exhibition, Motorcycle Exhibition, Bait-and-Fly-Casting Exhibition, Horseshoe Contest and a Bench Show for Pointers, Setters, Coonhounds, Foxhounds and Beagles.

There was a sporting goods exhibit by local dealers and a rummage sale of sporting goods by the Cole County 4-H Council. No admission was charged and parking was free.

Of course there was dancing at night and rides and amusements for adults and children. Frank Haggerty was master of ceremonies and Herbert Huber ran the contests.

If you lose your hunting license certificate and deer tag, go back where you bought it, fill out a lost license certificate, and ask the town clerk or person from whom you originally bought the license where to send it. In no time at all you'll have a new license and deer tag. Don't use the "lost" alibi with your game warden. He's instructed not to go easy on the hunter with the mislaid license.



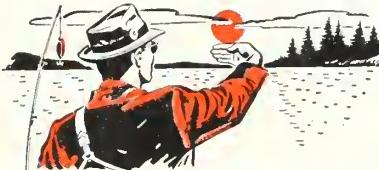
The Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, reports that big-game hunting in Alaska during the 1953 season was the heaviest on record. And expected to get heavier every year. Reason: Areas formerly inaccessible are now being reached by hunters in "swamp buggies" improvised from odd pieces of surplus military equipment.

Game biologists claim that a ringneck pheasant has been known to fly as far as three miles. But that's rare. What makes them interesting targets for upland game shooters is their average flight of 200 yards. In many states pheasant season extends well into November.

Men who handle either rifles or shotguns will be interested in two booklets, *Handbook on Small Bore Rifle Shooting* and *Handbook on Shotgun Shooting* published by Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute at 250 East 43rd Street, New York 17, New York. The rifle handbook is basic and covers equipment, marksmanship, target shooting, practical shooting, rifle ranges and rifle clubs. It is 76 pages and cover, paper bound. The shotgun handbook is thicker, running to 144 pages and cover and tells about the use of modern fowling pieces on moving targets. It is of special interest to trap and skeet shooters. This handbook contains a great fund of information on gun pointing, swinging with the target, pulling the trigger, organizing clubs and so on. The chapters "Applying Your Knowledge" and "Clay Target Shooting" are extra good reading. Both booklets are illustrated. Cost is 25¢ each to cover handling and mailing.

"Some rifles are equipped with a white dot front sight," remarks Alan Litman of 4th and Broadway, Greensville, Ohio. "The white dot works well in hunting when the light is bad, but if you're shooting in bright sun it is somewhat less than helpful. I carry a small bottle of red fingernail polish and, when the occasion demands, I just dab the white dot with the red polish. The result, especially when hunting across snow-covered ground, is very good and the red polish can be removed with a simple flick of the fingernail."

Walter P. Hesch, West 5th Street, Washington, Mo., writes: "Many times I've wanted an extra hole in my belt, my rifle sling, my hunting bag, my dog collar, and on a lot of other things too numerous to mention. Many's the time I've sat with a pocket knife for hours trying to cut a nice round hole. Now it's as easy as this: Any empty .22 - 45 - 30-06 - or any brass shell — makes the finest punch in the world for leather. Try it."



Dr. Wilson M. Blatz, 608 Livingston Building, Bloomington, Illinois, feels that with the hunting season ahead, a trick he learned will be of help.

"It's no job at all," he says, "to be able to tell how soon the sun will set when out fishing on a lake or hunting in the woods. Hold hand at arm's length, palm towards face, with fingers parallel with horizon. Hold hand so the top edge of first finger just touches bottom of sun. Count the fingers necessary to cover distance from bottom of sun to horizon. Let each finger represent 15 minutes, two fingers 30 minutes, etc., until the sun goes down. If horizon is hidden by timber or mountain range, consider a line at eye level as the horizon."

Gerald E. Brown, Box 369, Stuttgart, Ark., tells us that having done plenty of camping out, he'd like to suggest an item he learned that might make life easier.

"To reflect heat from your campfire toward you while you're sitting around exchanging chitchat before bedtime, drive a few stakes in a semicircle behind the fire and stretch aluminum foil over them — bright side toward the fire. This will throw the heat where it will do the most good."

Legionnaire Dick Kahil of Mt. Tremper, N. Y., is entertaining grouse and deer hunters at his new Rainbow Lodge in the Catskills. (In season, of course.)

The original Rainbow Lodge caught fire last spring and burned to the ground, but Dick and Blanche, (Mrs. Kahil), his good right arm in running this well-known resort for hunters and fishermen, pitched right in and with the help of neighbors and a friendly and sympathetic bank, they were able to build a new Rainbow Lodge which surpasses the old one. Fishing is good in the nearby streams and lakes, while the Catskills afford good shooting.

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MAKE IT LOOK GOOD

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To correct Ed's edge grain problem, we fastened a piece of half-round molding to its surface. Of course, any other common wood molding such as a quarter-round, clover leaf, or beaded or even one of extruded aluminum cap molding with wood veneer facing or standard metal molding could have been used. Variations with wood molding can be had by using one of a narrow width so that the edge of the plywood is not completely covered. This treatment is especially effective where half or quarter-round banding is used because of a more detailed effect which is obtained. Another neat and attractive method of camouflage is to cut the edge at a 45 degree angle; the edge grain then may be painted or stained to match or contrast with the panel.

Sometimes neither eliminating nor concealing the edge seems to be the answer. If the piece is to be painted or stained, fill the edges with composition wood plastic or filler, and sand thoroughly. If a power sander is available, another trick is to burn the edges deliberately by sanding so hard that the wood discolors. This gives a hard glazed finish that takes paint nicely or is very attractive by itself. To emphasize the exposed plywood edges, paint them in color, either in a deeper shade of the overall finish, in black, or in a strongly contrasting color.

If you use lumber-core plywood, the basswood or poplar core will take a good oil-stain wax finish itself. Fill the edges with wood filler. Try out different finishes on a piece of scrap; often you can get an effect that will blend nicely with the face veneer.

Wood molding could have been used to embellish Ed's project still further. For instance, the doors would have looked more professional if they had been paneled. Normally, this is done by cutting grooves in the stile and rail members, then inserting the panel in the grooves. Generally, work of this type requires the use of several machines; but if you don't possess this equipment, the same effect can be obtained by the use of stock moldings.

To make up such a panel, the stiles and rails are first joined together by the use of nails or dowels, then a molding of suitable size and shape, such as a bead and cove, is applied to the inner edge of each member. The panel is set against this molding and held securely in place by fastening a small quarter-round molding to the opposite side.

The uses to which wood molding can be put are unlimited. An ordinary chest lid can have a molded edge and end, without the use of a shaper, simply by gluing and bradding moldings such as a nose—or bead and cove to these surfaces. A series of half-round moldings glued together on a flat surface can produce a pilaster or fluted effect. Since half-round moldings can be obtained in a variety of sizes, it is possible to make pilasters for small or large cabinet-work if this method is used. Once you have become familiar with the shapes and sizes of wood moldings, you will find many applications that will make difficult operations seem simple.

Ed wanted to know why he had so much trouble gluing joints, but it was easy to see that his difficulty was one that is common with many amateur

craftsmen—impatience. He was always in such a hurry to continue work on a project that he wouldn't leave the wood in the clamps long enough to allow the glue to set properly. To overcome this time problem, many professional shops use heat to hasten the setting of the three common types of glue—urea resin, liquid fish or hide glue and resorcinol resin.

For example, if you are using one of the popular urea-resin powdered glue such as Weldwood, Cascomite or Le Page's plastic resin glue, the setting period can be reduced by applying the moderate heat of an infra-red heat lamp to the joints. As such lamps are now in common use in many homes, it is often possible—with the little woman's permission—to borrow one temporarily for the workshop. Or, because they are comparatively inexpensive, it would pay you to buy one for your shop if much gluing is being done. In the absence of such a lamp, place the work near an electric heater, radiator, warm air register or other source of moderate heat.

It is highly important, too, not to use most modern glues if the temperature of your room goes below 70 degrees.

To make casein glues such as Casco or Le Page set more quickly there is a trick few home craftsmen know. Mix the glue with only half the usual amount of cold water so that it becomes a very thick paste. Let the mixture stand for at least 20 minutes. Then add slowly about half as much denatured alcohol as the original amount of water. This thins the glue to a working consistency and makes it set more rapidly.

The new liquid polyvinyl-resin glues and contact cements are very quick-setting. Even the most impatient craftsman can't complain about their hardening speed. Actually heat is used in their cases to delay the setting of the glue. For example, if a piece of laminated plastic on a small project is misregistered and can't be adjusted because the glue has already begun to take hold, a moderately hot iron pressed over the veneer will soften the glue sufficiently to allow the piece to be shifted.

Another point Ed missed up on was the construction of the shelves for his bookcase. The usual construction of home bookcases is merely at right angles in good and practical proportions. When designing your bookshelves, make them as near as possible to the actual width of the books, because this reduces the amount of exposed shelving to be dusted. For this reason, shelving is generally 1 by 8 or 1 by 10 inches.

Shelves spaced 9 inches apart will accommodate most books, and a shelf or



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two with 11 or 12-inch clearance will take care of the larger ones. One-inch boards can support spans of about 3 feet without sagging. Two-inch boards can span approximately 5 feet. Longer spans require additional support such as toenailing them into the backing of the bookcase or into the wall studs. To support the shelf, angle irons or metal shelf brackets, along the back wall, can be successfully used where the back wall is painted a dark color. The front edge of the shelf is screwed to the side of the bookcase. If desired, a dado joint may be used in place of screws. Cleats, quarter-round molding or small metal angle-L brackets can be used for side supports and may be masked from direct view by vertical molding strips along the side edges of the shelves. Perforated metal strips and angle fins which attach to the sides give very good support and are adjustable so that the heights of the shelves may be changed. Another adjustable-type shelf is a small metal rest which sets in $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch holes and may be spaced as desired. Metal shelf devices and brackets are available from most hardware stores.

Speaking of hardware, attractive designs can add a professional touch to your project. Visit your local lumber yard or hardware store and look over the stock completely before starting your furniture piece.

Nothing gives homemade furniture an amateurish appearance like hinges slapped on the front of a door. All good professional objects have their hinges concealed and so should yours. While these hinges are not entirely invisible, only the edges of their thin joints show when the door is closed. One half of the hinge is set in a grain cut in the top or bottom edge of the door, while the other half is set in the front.

Invisible-type hinges are also available that set in the edge of the door and frame and are entirely invisible when the door is closed. They come in a variety of sizes, with the length of the plates ranging from 1 to 5 inches, and the width from $\frac{3}{8}$ to $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches. The mortise is roughly cut out with a brace and bit, the remaining waste stock is removed with a chisel, and the hinge attached. This takes time and is harder to install than the concealed type.

To hang cabinet correctly, be particularly careful in truing up the edge of the door. Then square the top and bottom edges to fit the opening. Finally, plane the edge opposite the hinge joint. This edge should be a slight bevel to give clearance when closing the door and thereby make possible a tighter fit. Wedge the door up from the bottom, by forcing a chisel or screw driver under it, until it almost touches the top of the opening. Using the hinge itself, lay out its position on both door and

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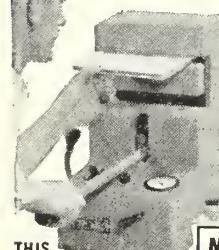
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All too often an otherwise perfect project is ruined by a bad finishing job. Really fine wood finishing isn't as difficult as most people think. A professional craftsman will be quick to tell you that two major causes of poor finishing by his amateur counterparts are: (1) improper preparation of the wood, and (2) not using good materials. Ed, like many amateur home craftsmen, believes that preparation of the wood begins after all carpentry work is completed. But proper preparation actually depends upon the choice of material at the very start of the project. This may sound a little confusing but a great deal of work can be saved if the surfaces are clean and smooth as the pieces are assembled. Use a hand scraper to work out all plane marks and scratches, especially in those areas that will be difficult to reach after the assembly is completed. Also take time to match the pieces as to grain and color before joining them together—it will give the completed job that professional look.

When assembly is completed and the piece is ready for finishing, don't be in a hurry to put on the varnish, lacquer or paint. Go over the entire job carefully with at least three grades of sandpaper, using successively finer grits on a hand sand block. As a general rule, coarse garnet or aluminum oxide paper will remove all tool marks, while fine grits will give a smooth surface for the finish. The tendency is to use too coarse a paper for final sanding. On a fine piece of furniture, nothing coarser than the very fine grade should be used for final sanding. Oscillating and belt sanders

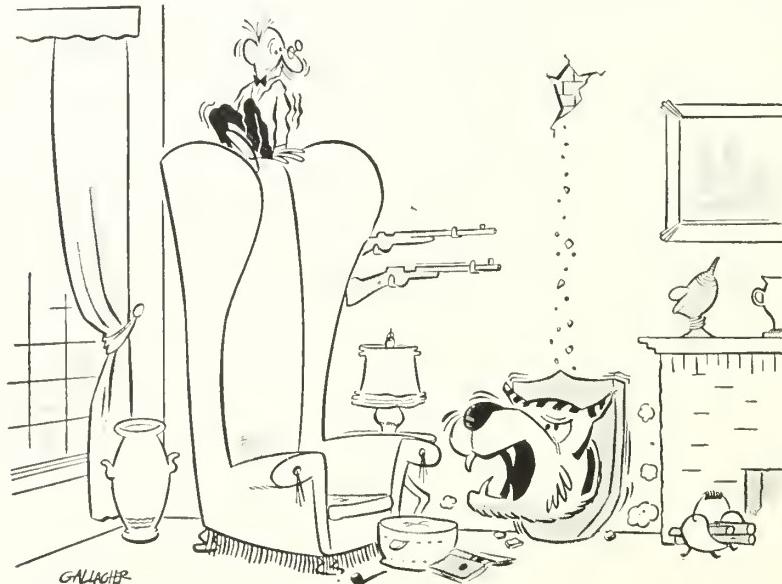
will do a good job for the first sanding, but manual work is highly recommended for the final sanding.

Small dents or hammer marks may often be removed by placing several thicknesses of moistened cloth over the dent and then pressing with a hot iron. The steam makes the wood fibers swell and brings them back to their original position. The process may have to be repeated several times to remove the dent completely. Sandpaper the surface when it is dry. Holes and imperfections may be repaired by using a crack filler according to manufacturer's directions; by using fine sawdust mixed with glue (use only when the finish is of lacquer); by inserting plugs or small pieces of wood cut so that the grain will match; or by using ordinary stick shellac.

It just doesn't make good sense to spend money for good wood, put many hours of work on the project, and then try to save a few cents in finishing material. There are several new wood finishing materials available at your local paint or hardware store. Buy good products and apply them in accordance with the manufacturer's directions. They know what's best for their product and their instructions will help form a beautiful finish on a workmanlike job.

There are several new materials available to the home craftsman that will help in finishing a professional job with a minimum of effort. Formica, Myercord plastic veneer, Trans-Veneer, etc., available at your local lumber and hardware dealers, can easily be applied to a home workshop project. For a complete discussion of these and many other new home workshop materials, see the August 1954 issue of this magazine. Oh, by the way, Ed's revised bookcase-storage unit is back in the living room and there's peace in the Richards home.

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of the helpful items we have found in *The American Legion Magazine* and other reputable magazines through the mail order advertisements. May I say thank you?

Mrs. Marie Smith
Birmingham, Ala.

TIP OF THE HOMBURG

Sir: I've just read and re-read Dr. Charles W. Mayo's article in the August issue, *We Can Be Proud of Our Veterans Hospitals*, and just couldn't let it pass without commendation. I think this is one of the finest I've ever read, especially coming from such an authority as Dr. Mayo who is a very busy man, and a tip of the homburg is due Commander Connell for requesting it.

A. Emil Kockler
Havertown, Pa.

ABOUT THE DAR

Sir: I was a little annoyed at one of your *Sound Offs* in the September issue. One William J. Burton, of Bennington, Vt.—he must be related to Senator Ralph Flanders—said: "I've had enough. . . . Keep up the trend and we can be placed along with the DAR." I thought the article he was complaining about *Who Are the Censors?* was okay, but why should anyone object to being in the same class with the DAR? Granted, they are an ultra-patriotic society. What is wrong with that?

A. Laird Goodman
Duluth, Minn.

MURROW FAN

Sir: I'm fed up with McCarthy. I also do not know why one should purchase books by Elizabeth Bentley and Louis Budenz. The Illinois State Legion, in need of headlines, has now attacked the Girl Scouts. But as far as I'm concerned this is the last straw—your column and-a-half "treatment" of Edward R. Murrow. You've done better than McCarthy at his best! You must know that the Institute of International Education, Inc., was a reputable organization composed of honored educators.

Leo W. Lackey, Jr.
Harrisburg, Pa.

▼ What Lackey objected to was the reference in *Editor's Corner* pointing out that the well-known radio and TV commentator, Edward R. Murrow, only a few years ago was an official in an organization which conducted tours designed to show college students the wonders of the Soviet. The "honored educators" he mentions also participated in this activity.

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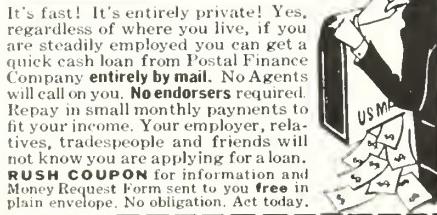
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DUCK BLIND STRATEGY

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with eight blacks, four brant, and a couple of geese.

"I still don't understand it," I said to my companion as we poled ashore.

"You're as dumb as those ducks," Pete replied. "Look. This is the first morning the bay was iced over a little bit. The flight was coming our way. We had the sun at our backs. The birds were dazzled by it and by the ice glare, and couldn't see too well. We were in white boats and right out in the open. The birds weren't suspicious because those two boats looked like two big clumps of ice. When they discovered their mistake, it was too late to do anything about it."

Pete's expert knowledge of duck hunting conditions was responsible for our good bag that morning—he made our "luck."

However, the veteran duck shooter, whether he hunts along the Mississippi River, from a salmon tierce in the Pacific Northwest, or from behind a pile of driftwood on Maine's rock-ribbed shoreline, doesn't often find it necessary to resort to unusual strategy to get his birds. Experience has taught him that observance of a few simple rules, often disregarded by the novice or careless gunner, is all it takes to fill a day's quota. For instance:

Smart duck shooting boils down to a matter of sharp timing. There always is a split-second when a shot should be accepted. Knowing exactly when to stand up and shoot is one of the marks of a top performer. When a shot is properly timed, a kill should result because the gunner has caught the incom-

ing or passing bird at the precise instant when the advantage is heavily weighted on the shooter's side. To accept the shot too quickly, or delay it a second or two, invariably converts an easy chance into what usually is described as a "tough one," with greatly increased likelihood of scoring a miss.

The knack of knowing when to "stand 'em up" is tied in with other skills, of course, including the ability to identify flying ducks at a glance and to anticipate what the birds' reactions will be when suddenly confronted with danger. Ability to estimate range accurately is another great asset.

It's of the utmost importance that a duck shooter stay watchful and alert in a blind. That statement may sound obvious, but the fact remains that all duck shooters are caught off base at least once on every outing and usually several times. Such lapses invariably spell lost opportunities. There is some excuse for missing a shot now and then, but none for blowing a chance that gets past the rig unnoticed.

Carelessness in this respect often comes on those quiet, dull days, when there's nothing much flying and the gunner becomes bored with the inactivity. It's on such days that vigilance should be redoubled for the very plain reason that the hunter must make the most of his infrequent chances or go home skunked.

There are two schools of thought about watchfulness in a blind, the "stay seated and let 'em come in" faction, and the "stand up and watch" group. Needless to say, two men of opposite



"Two fours beatum full-house? . . . Surely you gentlemen are jesting."
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opinions in that matter do not make ideal shooting partners.

The writer belongs to the stand-up-and-watch school, and in a lifetime of reasonably successful waterfowling never has seen any reason to change his ways except in places where stand-up vigilance was impossible. Consider:

Some blinds permit a good view of the surrounding terrain from a seated position, but many do not. In most instances the shooter's view is obscured from the rear and sides by brush or other blind trimming. So birds winging by from the rear, or from right or left,



"Thanks, Sarge, Old Boy, but don't worry about me burning my thumbs. This soup is ice cold."

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have an excellent chance of flying past the blind undetected, or at least of getting beyond effective shotgun range before the shooter swings into belated action.

It must be remembered that all passing ducks do not decoy. In fact, it can be said that at least half of the shooter's opportunities are presented by birds which wing by with no intention whatsoever of "coming in." And usually those passing chances are the day's sportiest shots.

The stand-up watcher—assuming he's ambushed in a hide which permits him to be on his feet with a minimum of exposure—is not often caught flat-footed by birds coming from any direction. And contrary to belief in some quarters, he frightens few ducks by standing. If he and his partner each watch an assigned area of skyline, they'll see approaching ducks long before the birds can make out those faces peering over the brush or reeds. And even if the gunners are surprised by birds suddenly whirling in from an unexpected quarter, nine times out of ten the ducks won't be spooked if the hunters remain motionless.

Motion is what alerts all wild animals. Immobility does not immediately catch

their attention, and even if a motionless gunner is seen he isn't always identified as danger, but more often as an unusual but harmless part of the scenery.

Boners, sometimes erroneously called "bad luck," are something else that reduces the number of duck dinners in this fair land. "Flock shooting" is one of them.

That mental lapse is the silly business of blasting into the middle of a flock, without picking any particular target, with the fallacious notion that it will pay heavy dividends. It never does, but a lot of the boys keep trying.

Years ago as a kid I learned it was a good way to waste ammunition. I was hunting on the Oregon side of the Columbia River one morning, when about forty mallards drilled by directly over my marsh grass blind. I aimed where they were thickest, worked the slide on an old Model '97 pump like mad, and then hunched over so as not to be brained by the shower of stricken quackers which I confidently expected would tumble.

The only thing that pattered down was five charges of No. 6 shot.

Another amusing situation is set up when a pair of ducks break away from a large, circling flock and decoy prettily. The right move, of course, is to shoot the two ducks and forget the flock. But unwarranted optimism touched with greed often dictates the wrong move. The shooter usually decides to pass up the sure thing with the fond hope the flock will come in and afford a chance for a real cleanup.

What almost invariably happens, of course, is that the flock decides to go somewhere else, or is frightened silly by a barrage of shots from a distant blind. Then the hunter has fun cussing himself for not shooting the pair.

But even the veteran hunter who knows all about boners and wildfowling strategy can have his troubles. I recall two experienced hands who, on one occasion, had so much success they found themselves in a highly embarrassing situation.

Their difficulty began when a large flock of geese flew past their blind and was saluted with a total of five shots. When the powder fumes drifted away, eleven dead geese were floating around the blind. Three more, at that time, than Uncle Whiskers said two men could legally shoot in a day.

There was a horrified silence as a recount was made, and then one of the shooters turned to the guide and said, "Now what are we going to do about this?"

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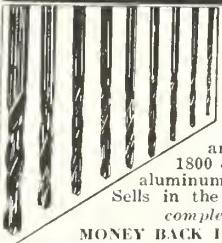
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Your wife can't remember whether she had headaches before the accident as frequently as once a week, it's been so long ago. The insurance lawyer points out that her headaches are "subjective"—the doctors can't see what's wrong—and you wonder if he is calling her a liar.

While the jury is out, you're sure you're licked. You could have prevented the accident and they know it, but instead of giving you nothing, they give you \$7,000 of the \$20,000 you're asking. This, incidentally, is very close to the average jury award in an automobile accident case.

You've won—at last. Luckily, the company doesn't appeal, so in a few days you and your lawyer are ready to settle up. Your share is \$4200. His out-of-pocket expenses are \$200 off that, leaving you with \$4,000. If your money outlay resulting from the accident was \$1,500, you've "made" \$2,500 on your pain, your suffering and your time.

But let's figure, for a moment, how much it cost everyone concerned to get you that money under the legal system:

Salaries of the court—judge, clerks, etc., for three days . . .	\$1,000
Jury expenses in compensation and their lost time at \$15 a day	630
Two expert witnesses at \$100 a day	200
Ten ordinary witnesses losing wages at \$15 a day	150
Time of investigators on both sides	250
Legal expenses of the insurance company	250
Fee of plaintiff's attorney at 40 percent of \$7,000	2,800
Total Legal Cost of Collecting \$7,000 Verdict	\$5,280

Why did it take so long and cost so much? Everyone in your case was honest, but you had to bear the cost of chicanery and phony suits clogging the calendar. Some claimants do try to hold the insurance companies up for the pot-of-gold verdicts some juries have been awarding, and public morals are getting worse in this respect. Some insurance companies do try to wiggle out of reasonable claims, although they are better than they used to be. Ambulance-chasing lawyers swell the suits. Even garagemen and occasionally doctors encourage suits for their share in the smelly accident industry.

There are so many bad actors in and around an automobile accident that it is hard to see that they do not create the evil. They simply exploit the incredible fact that we are trying to handle the automobile with legal machinery designed for the horse. The

strain is shaking our judicial system to its foundations. Here's why:

1. Accident cases account for about three-fourths of the business of general trial courts and they are increasing faster than the number of judges. It's not just a matter of more automobiles. Actually, the accident rate is going down. But every year, the accidents we do have generate a higher proportion of suits. Insurance companies call this phenomenon "claims consciousness" and they act as if we were becoming a nation of get-rich-quick shysters. Claims consciousness is higher in cities, supposedly the hangouts of shady characters, but insurance men report that it is growing in smaller places, too. The truth is that more claims are made in

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part because more people have insurance with which to pay them.

Just look at what's happened in New York State. In 1940, 35 percent of the state's 2.8 million licensed cars were covered by liability insurance. In 1953, 95 percent of the 4½ million cars on the roads of the State were covered by insurance. Without quite doubling the number of cars, we've more than quadrupled the number of cars worth suing. Less populated States haven't come to this pass yet, but they are traveling the same road.

2. The law was never intended for automobiles. The prevailing doctrine of contributory negligence stated by the judge in your case assumes that it's possible to tell who was to blame for an accident when it's really impossible even to tell what happened. Juries have taken the law into their own hands—as indeed they are more or less intended to do—and acted on a growing public sentiment that victims of the automobile are entitled to compensation unless they are grossly careless or malicious. For this reason, plaintiffs seldom waive their right to trial by jury in order to get an immediate hearing. The settlement offers of insurance companies just

before trial reflect the upward trend of jury verdicts, but even so, nearly 70 percent of accident cases tried in New York State were won by plaintiffs.

3. The courts were never intended for the automobile. Juries may be upholding the law, but they are a slow and expensive way to do it. The delay is on the jury calendar, and it is so effective a weapon that sometimes insurance companies demand it when the plaintiff is willing to waive. Presiding Justice David W. Peck of the Appellate Division of New York says "we would have to build courthouses on a Radio City scale and keep the citizenry well occupied with jury duty" if any appreciable percentage of accident cases came to trial.

Even if you accept the inefficiency of court procedure, you're shocked by the inefficiency with which the operations are performed. Court attendants are often people who can't get jobs in private business. Most of our judges are better than we deserve at rendering justice, but they are not and should not be chosen for administrative talent in handling the housekeeping paperwork which the jam of cases thrusts upon them.

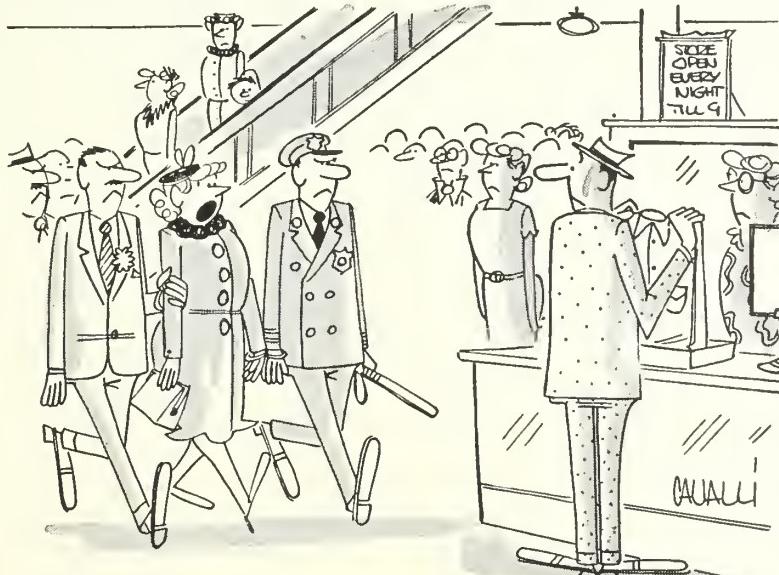
Rightly or wrongly, the judge seldom has a boss. Long recesses cut his time on the bench to something like 180 days a year. Judges need time out for deliberation, but lawyers whisper that few of them overwork themselves. Worse, they are appointed or elected for a specific district regardless of its traffic. Many rural judges can keep their benches clear with three days' work a week. Upper New York State judges in this happy situation sometimes offer to help out in New York City—especially during the theater season—but it would take an amendment of the

New York State Constitution which they naturally oppose to make them move.

What can be done about it? For a while, judges didn't think the courts would plow their way through the tide of postwar accidents which happened when the end of gasoline rationing put jalopies on the road before we got new cars. Until recently, the waiting list lengthened every year. In order to roll back the tide ever so slightly or merely hold the dike, New York City courts adopted emergency measures, most of them aimed at getting rid of cases before trial.

Judges called in the parties and practically forced them to settle out of court. In Brooklyn, where there isn't even court room enough, some of these "fishmarket" sessions have been held in washrooms. In a break with precedent, judges were moved from court to court within the city, but few were caught up enough to help. An elaborate priority system intended to rescue distressed plaintiffs—those who might die before trial, for instance—has caused non-preferred plaintiffs to move backward. After five years, some of these unfortunates are further away from trial than ever. A campaign to get plaintiffs to waive jury trial simply added cases to the non-jury calendar, where they can be heard in 40 percent of the court time required for a jury case. Expert medical witnesses representing the courts instead of the parties save a little time at trial, and do a fairer job.

These measures are breaking log jams in other States, but no one pretends that they can solve the problem indefinitely. The automobile is here to stay and the courts are going to have to face more accident cases or cry uncle. The two suggestions which go to the heart of



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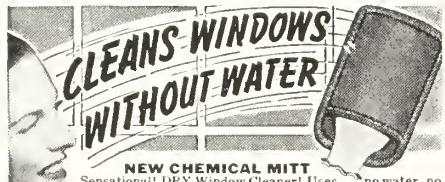


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the matter arouse heated discussion in legal circles.

Most lawyers admire the whirlwind cleanup job Arthur T. Vanderbilt (no kin to the New York Central) did on New Jersey, whose courts were as badly jammed as any when he became Chief Justice in 1948. Luckily, the State had just adopted a constitutional amendment streamlining the 17 different kinds of courts inherited from colonial days. An early-rising demon, Chief Justice Vanderbilt used the power of central administration given him under the amendment to make judges fill out time sheets. He rapped their knuckles when they dawdled over decisions and deployed them to the courts where traffic was thickest as blithely as if they were a pool of stenographers. He even told them whose funerals they could close court to attend. The judges wailed, but 110 of them now do twice as much work as 132 did in 1947.

Chief Justice Vanderbilt (ex-Dean of the New York University Law School, ex-President of the American Bar Association) next attacked court procedures. He introduced no-nonsense rules of practice which made lawyers come to the point in a hurry. He set up pre-trial hearings at which judges deftly parted counsel from specious argument and winnowed the unessential out of the issues worth hearing in court. Today, New Jersey's backlog is gone, and automobile cases hit a pre-trial hearing in six or seven weeks and a decision within six months.

Chief Justice Vanderbilt spends much of his time now telling judges and lawyers in less fortunate States how to do it. His fans think he's proved that we've got enough judges if we only get them to work. The opposition hints that only Vanderbilt can do it. Since there is only one, he is no exportable solution.

Judge Samuel H. Hofstader of New York is one of the more vocal judges who believe that the courts can never be patched up to do the automobile job. This minority foresees a popular uprising which will take the accident cases out of the courts entirely and put them in the hands of an administrative board like workmen's compensation. The board would simply determine the extent of the injuries and compensate the victim regardless of fault out of a fund collected from all motorists. Recovery would be surer, but Judge Hofstader argues that premiums would be lower because they would not have to cover the unpredictable jackpots juries sometimes award.

Fifty years ago, courts were threatened by a tide of common law master and servant cases brought on by increasing industrial employment. Theodore Roosevelt mobilized public opinion by maintaining that workmen

injured in the course of their employment should be compensated even if they were to blame. As he put it, "the price of the product should bear the cost of the workmen's blood." He put over workmen's compensation, without which industry would grind to a halt today. Advocates of the accident board idea think we need a similar new principle now: the damage of the automobile must be borne by everyone who lives by the automobile.

So far, the only place where the board idea has been tried is the thinly populated Canadian province of Saskatchewan, which is scarcely troubled with court congestion. You don't hear much about a board because lawyers are lukewarm. The board would, of course, part them from their lush contingent fees. Insurance companies are opposed to the board idea, because it would require compulsory insurance, a move they fear would put the State into their business. They don't believe it would be speedier or cheaper.

Attorney William Flynn of Buffalo assumes that all accidents would require some processing under a board, while most cases are settled without government expense now. Other lawyers say the analogy with workmen's compensation is wrong: employers have a paternal relationship to their hands while motorists are strangers until they collide. Some fear that compensation regardless of blame would encourage motorists to drive into each other for the fun of it, like the Bolsheviks with the first tractors. Others see difficulties in setting up schedules to cover injury to unemployed housewives and children. The simplest objection is that the board would require amendment of the State Constitution which is impossible if lawyers in the legislature disapprove.

Unfortunately, the only advisers we have on these problems are the very judges and lawyers who live by the present system. "Where thoroughgoing judicial reform has been achieved," warns Chief Justice Vanderbilt, "it has come, in spite of the bench and the bar generally, through the efforts of laymen led by a few brave lawyers." A newspaper campaign in New York and a national magazine exposé of Chicago have improved conditions in these big cities in 1954, but congestion is growing worse in the medium sized cities where the public has not been aroused.

Some years ago, a few brave lawyers framed an arbitration system for handling commercial disputes out of court. Disgusted businessmen made such good use of it that today you can get a court trial on a promissory note within a week in New York City, where accident cases are over three years behind.

What remedy will outraged motorists find?

THE END

HE COULDN'T GET OFF THE GROUND

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ready to close the deal." He initialed the drawings and signed a long and legal-looking paper. "Now—must get along. Catching a plane for Chicago in an hour. Anticipate any trouble with materials?"

"Nothing I can't—" Dudley jerked to his feet, fighting against the rising panic. He clutched Elingwood's arm. "Where did she go?"

"Eh? Oh, dancing . . . wish I had time for a whirl myself. Lovely girl."

"Lovely," Dudley gasped, hanging on to the table grimly. "Better hurry; don't want to miss your bus—boat—train—"

"That's right," Elingwood said briskly. He pumped Dudley's arm. "You look a little pale, my boy. Been working too hard, maybe. So long." He hustled away.

Dudley headed for the dance floor, lurching between the tables and leaving a trail of spilled drinks behind him. He could see Grover and Elizabeth dimly, as in a fog. He staggered through the dancers, came up behind Elizabeth and put both arms around her waist.

Surprised, she missed a step. Grover, who had been dancing with his eyes closed, opened them to look into Dudley's face, a foot away.

"What the—!" Grover exclaimed, stumbling. He looked around hastily. Several couples had stopped dancing and were watching the odd trio. The orchestra leader stared at them with his baton frozen on the up-beat. None of this was reassuring to Grover.

"Go away," he croaked. He tried to perform the impossible feat of glaring at Dudley and looking unconcerned at the same time.

"I can't," Dudley whispered. He was by now beginning to feel better. "Liz, you shouldn't have left me."

"Honest, I forgot," she said, over her shoulder. "You know, you dance well."

"Thank you," said Dudley, who was feeling no pain.

Grover seemed about to explode, but just then the music stopped abruptly and they went back to their table.

Grover's face was a dull red. "Elizabeth, this is absolutely the last straw. I've never been so humiliated in my life. Now that this fellow has his precious contract, we're leaving."

"Oh, let's stick around," Elizabeth said. "I feel like making a night of it."

Grover said heatedly, "Elizabeth, sometimes you show no more dignity than a fishwife."

She replied that maybe Grover was being a wee bit stuffy. He had a fast answer to that, and they had a nice, quiet fight, conducted in well-bred tones. Dudley wisely kept quiet. After several highly-charged verbal exchanges, Grover rose to his feet, bowed stiffly to Elizabeth, and then turned to Dudley. Beginning with "I've had quite enough from you—" he delivered a brief, unprintable speech concerning Dudley's present mentality and future prospects, and ended with an invitation to repair to some secluded place and do battle.

Dudley excused himself to Elizabeth and followed Grover into the elevator. Side by side, in grim silence, they marched through the lobby, across the street, and into the silent confines of Central Park. Here, after carefully removing his coat, Grover assumed a boxer's stance and unleashed a mighty swing, loaded with lethal intent. Dudley, who had not removed his coat, stepped aside and then pivoted, and connected beautifully on the point of Grover's chin. Grover rose slightly on his heels, stiffened, and stretched out quietly on the grass. Dudley surveyed the fallen birdman for a moment, then picked him up and placed him on a bench. After

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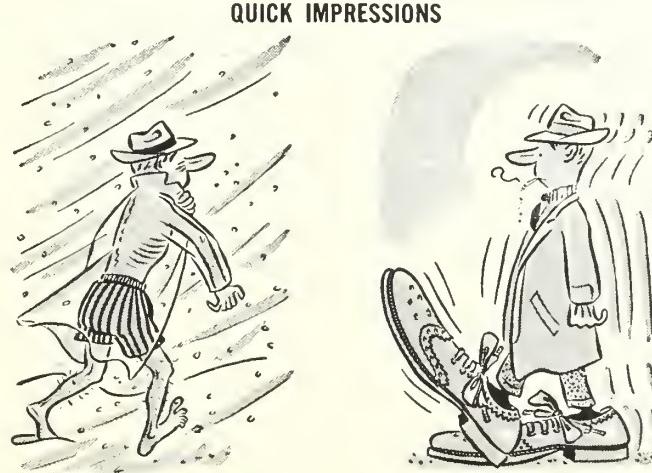
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assuring himself that Grover would snap out of it in a minute or so, he crossed the street to the hotel, rode up the elevator, and joined Elizabeth at the table.

"Short and sweet, eh?" Elizabeth said.

"Yes, indeed." Her expression puzzled him; she had an expectant look about her. "Honest, Liz, I'm sorry about this, but I got pretty mad—" He stopped, his mouth hanging open. Elizabeth burst out laughing.

"I'll be darned," Dudley said. "Down in the elevator, up in the elevator—do you think I'm really cured, for good?"

"Why don't you go out on the terrace and see what happens?"

He left the table and walked out onto the terrace. He paused and waited. Feeling no pain, he leaned over the parapet. Twenty stories below him stretched the dark expanse of the park. He felt nothing except a great happiness, especially when he saw a white-shirted figure reel front the shrubbery and hail a taxi.

"Okay?" said Elizabeth, behind him. "Oh, boy," Dudley said, turning. "Just like magic."

"A strong emotional counter-shock—that's all you needed," Elizabeth said sagely. "I remember my psychology professor at Wellesley telling us about it." She hesitated. "You didn't hurt him, did you?"

"Hardly at all," Dudley said.

They stood quietly for some minutes.

"It's odd, Dudley," said Elizabeth, "but I've had a wonderful time here this evening."

"Me, too," he said, holding her hand. "I guess there's no reason for me to come out to the airport any more."

"I suppose not," she said slowly.

"That means I won't be seeing you any more." The thought saddened him so much that he put his arms around her and kissed her, at length and with feeling.

"Wow!" Elizabeth said, when he released her. She staggered slightly.

"Hey!" Dudley said, startled. "Are you dizzy? Better get away from the edge of the roof. Maybe you're getting acrophobia, too."

"I'm dizzy, all right," Elizabeth said. "But it's not acrophobia."

THE END

GIVE THE SPEAKER A BREAK!

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jection equipment is needed, these details should be settled when the talk is booked.

The program chairman should ask the invited speaker for a photograph and personal background for advance publicity to the club membership and for the local press. He should also determine whether the guest speaker would like to have any persons from outside the club membership invited to the meeting.

WHEN SPEAKERS are arriving from out of the city, they appreciate being asked in advance if they would like a reservation made at a local hotel.

A man may wish to shave, bathe or get his clothes pressed. A lady may want to "pretty up" a bit before her scheduled appearance.

If the speaker is to address an evening meeting, he wants to know whether or not business clothes or a dinner jacket should be worn.

A speaker from out of town also has an obligation. The program chairman should be notified promptly by the guest speaker of his arrival. An expectant father pacing the floor of a maternity ward is no more nervous than a program chairman who has not heard from an invited speaker before the meeting is just ready to begin.

A wise guest of honor has an outline or abstract of the remarks he plans to make at the meeting. This saves the time of reporters for the local press and

the club's publication and insures accuracy in quoting comments.

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In many service clubs, some of the members must leave after the meal or during the talk in order to keep professional and business appointments. Such members will confer a great favor if they will tell the speaker that they are leaving before or during the talk. Then, when they rise and tiptoe out of the meeting room it will not appear to the one laboring behind the lectern that part of the audience is "walking out." Thoughtful members who plan to leave usually sit near the exit.

The program chairman, or the person selected to introduce the speaker, is often the key to a successful talk.

Introductory remarks should be brief, concise and plainly spoken. They need not repeat information about the speaker that has already been given to the membership through the club bulletin or local press.

Sometimes the program chairman can be brutally brief. I'll never forget this introduction to an evening meeting of

a service club at a city in Wisconsin. "Our speaker tonight is from New York. I don't know what he is going to talk about, but he'll probably tell you."

That was not a good kick-off for a pleasant evening. Nor will I forget the nervous woman in Oakland, Calif., who presented me to a mixed evening church club audience as a representative of a competing company.

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is talking add to his problem of presenting an interesting story.

Talking does dry the throat; a slight tickle can develop. The speaker after food is served soon learns to hoard a partial glass of water for such emergencies.

Program chairmen of clubs which meet in the afternoon or evening should always provide cool drinking water for the guest's use.

This courtesy is overlooked sometimes for famous speakers.

I well remember the time when President Warren G. Harding was making his famous "League of Nations" talk in St. Louis, Mo., in June of 1923.

It was a very warm, humid evening. I had been assigned as an usher to the presidential party. The head Secret Service representative had asked me to squat in the palms at the back of the stage and move the electric fans so that they would blow air on the legs of the distinguished people seated on the platform.

The presidential party arrived. The President and Mrs. Harding took seats at the front of the stage near the rostrum.

I suddenly noticed that no one had thought to provide a pitcher of cold water and a glass for the President's use during his long talk.

The oversight was called to the attention of the Secret Service. The chief told me to get water at once. I rushed across Jefferson Avenue to a private home. The old lady living there loaned me a pitcher of water with ice and a glass.

The pitcher and glass were placed on the rostrum just as President Harding began his speech. Because it was very warm in the St. Louis Auditorium and the President's talk was more than an hour long, he drank more than half of the contents of the pitcher during his discourse.

No matter how thoughtful the program chairman may be, unforeseen events can disturb a meeting. In 1952, I was scheduled to address an evening meeting of the Lions Club in Pittsboro, N. C. While the group was enjoying the food being served in the high school gymnasium, a large and vigorous bat flew into the room and disrupted proceedings to some extent.

IF THE members of a club have enjoyed a talk, they please the speaker by coming to the head table, introducing themselves and making their remarks of appreciation. Kind words may make up for the dessert that was never eaten.

The thoughtful program chairman offers to provide the speaker with transportation back to the office, hotel, train or plane if from out of the city.

One of the most overlooked courtesies is the "thank you" letter. With the thanks for the speaker's appearance are enclosed copies of club bulletins and newspaper notices referring to the talk.

The guest may want these to prove to his boss that the talk given was worth the time and expense involved in making it.

As a rule, clubs with women members are more courteous and thoughtful than male clubs. Perhaps women are made that way; they do not seem to be in a big hurry like that which besets the men.

But, a club of male sales executives in Chester, Pa., topped all examples of courtesy to me in late 1952.

I had been guest speaker at the club on a Friday evening. This meant I was away from home until Saturday afternoon.

When I arrived home, there were one and a half dozen American Beauty roses. They had been sent to my wife with this note from the program chairman:

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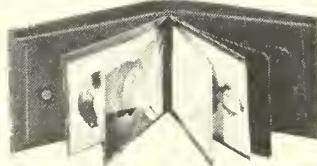
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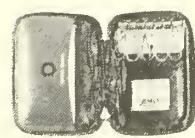
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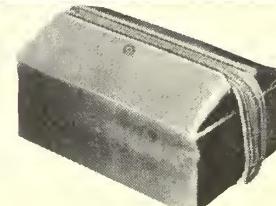
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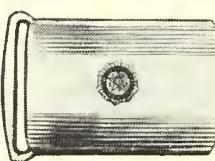
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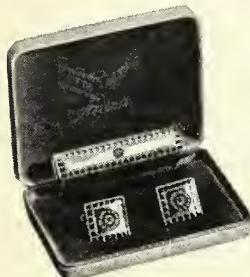
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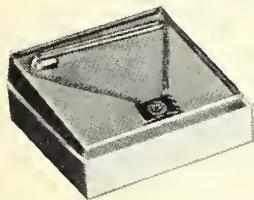
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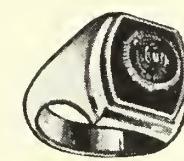
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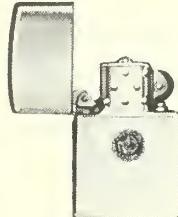
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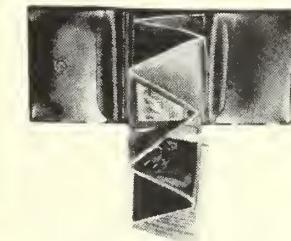
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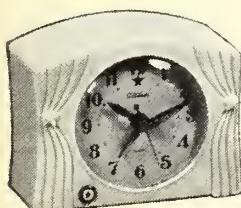
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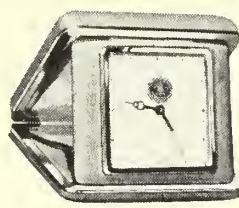
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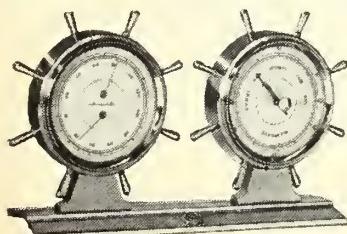
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WILL CHILE BE NEXT?

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the leading Chilean newspaper — Uncle Sam's staunchest supporter in the country — *El Mercurio*. Whistling and jeering, throwing stones that caused material damage and forced the American Institute to close its doors to its 4000 students, the communists had a free run of the streets, while the police force stood idly by and watched the venom mount.

The climax of the street riots, which lasted several days—as long as the Arbenz regime held out—was a noisy meeting in the Plaza de Armas, the Times Square of Santiago. Here the converging groups hung an effigy of U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and put it to flames. Then an oversized American flag was brought out. Trampling upon it, tearing it and showing it with glee to the newspaper photographers who had been alerted to the riot, the communists built a bonfire and used the Stars and Stripes as its chief kindling. Again the special police task force that was dispatched to the scene made no move to disturb the agitators.

That burning of the American flag was the most dramatic pro-communist and anti-U. S. act that has taken place lately in this politically important sister republic. But it wasn't the first nor is it the last chapter in the continuing struggle for ideas and institutions that we are engaged in against the Russians, in South America. According to many experts Chile may well be the next proving ground for communist influence in that continent. Today, in spite of momentary sensationalism, Chile is tied securely to the democratic system. But there are mounting signs of strains and

stresses. The Chilean communists are alert to drive a wedge into every crack that appears. In many respects the ground is fertile for communist poison to work there.

What has made Chile, with one of the longest and strongest democratic traditions in all of Latin America, suddenly become such a happy hunting ground for the communists? The answer is that here, as throughout the world, communism thrives on economic crisis, and Chile is going through a severe economic crisis. Here is some of the background.

Chile is no "banana" or "coffee" republic. But its economy is dominated by the U. S.-owned copper mines of the Braden Copper Company and the Anaconda Mining Co. Thanks to the costly developments of Chile's chief natural resource that these American mining companies have provided, copper today gives the nation 70 percent of its foreign exchange. Precisely because these companies are so vital to the Chilean economy they have become political hostages. The government hasn't the financial resources to nationalize and run the copper industry. Politicians and statesmen of almost all parties admit, at least privately, that only American capital and know-how can make possible the continued development of the big extraction activities. So what they have done is to nationalize the selling of the copper that the big American firms produce!

Today, all copper produced in the country must be sold to the government at government-stipulated prices. The government then turns around and



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through its Central Bank sells the copper abroad, at a very handsome profit. Everything was fine as long as there was a strong world demand for copper and the government could sell at the price it wanted. But within the past 18 months there has been a world-wide drop in copper prices. At first, when the government could not get the price it asked it kept its copper off the market. Available foreign exchange dwindled drastically, but the country's foreign commitments continued. The United States refused to buy Chilean copper at the government-dictated, inflated prices. The U.S. copper companies had to cut back production as the stocks of unsold copper in the country mounted. And resulting financial crisis was laid at the doorstep of Uncle Sam. "Yankee imperialism" was ruining Chile, it was charged.

For many years, both Washington and Santiago have realized that this "one crop" economy in Chile was unhealthy. Thanks to U.S. loans and technical assistance great efforts and strides have been made to industrialize the country. U.S. Government loans, coupled with aid from the World Bank, have allowed Chile to build a steel industry, increase electric output, build roads, improve its railway system, modernize its farms, develop its oil reserves and construct an oil refinery.

This large-scale and spectacular industrialization has not only entailed a large amount of foreign commitments, but has also played havoc with the internal economy. As the country has become more industrialized, a new working force has been created, a new middle class formed. An increasing demand for laborers and office workers has kept pressure on for continuing higher wages. At the same time the newly increased purchasing power of these groups has made an ever increasing market for the local industries and increasing demands for imported consumer items. The Chilean peso which stood at 110 in 1935 now rates about 325 to the dollar. An almost 300 percent devaluation.

To meet its rising costs and obligations the government has resorted to the printing press. The cost of living index has risen more than 125 percent in the past three years. Workers demand higher wages, and retailers and manufacturers pass on the increased costs to the consumers. The government does not feel strong enough to deny either further pay increases or further price hikes. And the inflation spiral continues.

This is perfect ground for the communists to work in. The manual workers see that their bloated pay checks buy less and less. The white-collar workers are in a worse squeeze. The farmers

curtail production, and the industrialists are discredited by all. The only group that likes the situation is the communists.

Having been outlawed in 1947 by former President Gabriel Gonzalez Videla, with their newspaper *El Siglo* banned, and their spiritual leader, Pablo Neruda, in exile in Moscow and later in Mexico, the communists now have one of their frontmen in the office of Vice President of the Senate, a revitalized *El Siglo* on every street corner, international "cultural groups" converge upon the country periodically, and Moscow sends Ilya Ehrenburg to present a Moscow diploma to repatriated Pablo Neruda.

The burning of the American flag was the most dramatic of the communists' displays of strength. But of more lasting importance have been their activities along other lines. In the Chamber of Deputies during the Guatemalan crisis, the communists were successful

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in getting passed a resolution that "deplored foreign intervention in Guatemala" and pointedly laid the blame on the United States. The Congress also refused permission for the Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs to attend the proposed São Paulo Conference that was slated to deal with the Central American situation under the terms of the Organization of American States.

The Russians had tried to block the jurisdiction of the OAS, and the Chilean Congress followed suit. And the United States Embassy felt compelled to call off its traditional Fourth of July celebration in the National Theater when Ambassador Willard Beaulac became convinced that the government was not prepared to give sufficient police protection so that communist thugs wouldn't cause material and personal damage during the scheduled program.

A week after the public celebrations of U.S. Independence Day were suppressed, there was staged in Santiago, at the government-run School of Law, a "Congress of Latin American Parliamentarians and Personalities," an open and outspoken communist gathering. Among resolutions adopted by the "Congress" were those condemning the anti-communist declaration of Caracas, seeking the dissolution of the Organization of American States (OAS), and



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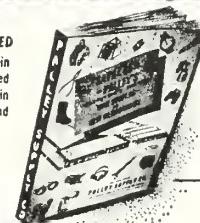
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No sooner had this group finished its sessions than there began to arrive communist dignitaries from iron curtain countries, ostensibly to celebrate the 50th birthday of Pablo Neruda, Chile's communist poet. Among the visitors were Dimitri Dimov and Nicolas Fournadjeva from Bulgaria, Oscar Koref Hersch from Hungary, Jan Drda, Jan Kostra and Jaroslav Kurchvalek from Czechoslovakia. By plane also arrived top party members from Argentina, Uruguay, Ecuador and Brazil. In the passengers' baggage were found copious quantities of communist propaganda.

The printed matter was confiscated by the customs officials, but the immigration authorities made no difficulties about the entrance of the bearers. There is no semblance of the McCarran Act in the law books of Chile. To cap the Neruda celebrations, which were centered in the Salon of Honor of the State University, word came from Moscow that poet Neruda had received the Stalin Award. A few weeks later, chief Russian propagandist Ilya Ehrenburg arrived in Chile to present the award.

He tried to bring in more communist propaganda in his diplomatic baggage.

What is being done to counteract the communist influence in Chile? First of all, the government of Don Carlos Ibañez del Campo is headed by enemies of communism and by friends of the United States and the western world. His government, which inherited a dangerous economic situation, is trying desperately to find some way to stop the disastrous inflation and to improve the general living conditions of the people. All friends of democracy must wish it success, for upon its achievements depends to a large extent the future of Chile.

One of the most encouraging developments has been the recent growth of a vigorous group of Catholic university students who are determined to do their best to stop the large-scale growth of communism in the student bodies. They know the task they face. In the University of Chile Medical School there are 132 first-year students, of whom 38 are now communists. In the Law School, 43 of the 100 freshmen are followers of the red banner of Moscow. Now an organized opposition to the communists has dared to express a Christian and democratic point of view.

But here's what happened the first time the anti-communists staged a big demonstration. Within two weeks after the pro-Arbenz riots, the forthcoming arrival in Chile of a Yugoslav Trade Mission was announced. The mission was headed by Jacobo Blazevic, who was the state's prosecuting attorney against Cardinal Stepinac. When the Catholic students staged orderly street parades to announce their opposition to the Chilean Government's welcome of Mr. Blazevic, the police, who had been

so dormant during the anti-U.S. demonstrations, broke up the assemblies by a liberal use of tear gas. In later demonstrations, the protesting students were arrested. A strange contrast to the lack of police action toward the stone-throwing, flag-burning communist rioters of a few weeks before!

The official and unofficial attitude of the Chilean public in view of the growing communist threat is becoming of increasing concern to our government. U.S. Ambassador Beaulac, in a strongly worded address to the American Chamber of Commerce in Santiago on July 12th, made a sharp attack on those "Christians who walk hand in hand" with the communists.

The Ambassador pointed out that some of Chile's leaders were associating themselves with pretty strange bedfellows! He took issue with those who supported the Arbenz regime, and were blind to communist maneuvers both in Chile and abroad. His speech was hailed by the pro-U.S. press throughout the country. But the storm of protest that arose from the left-wing press and politicians soon drowned out the applause.

In special sessions of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate, Congressman after Congressman got up and protested the Ambassador's remarks and a move was made to have him branded as *persona non grata*. This attempt to force the recall of our forthright Ambassador was unsuccessful, but the incident served notice that the fellow travelers in Chile are so strong that no outspoken criticism of communist infiltration or tactics is to be allowed to pass unnoticed.

To add injury to insult, the communists planted a time bomb in the U.S. Cultural Institute in downtown Santiago. The explosion went off shortly after midnight on July 14th and with sufficient force to shatter windows up to the eighth floor in the apartment house located across the street. The Chilean Bureau of Investigations was unable to apprehend the culprits.

The "revolution" has not yet arrived in Chile. But these recent events point out unmistakably the frightening advances the communists are making there. More openly than ever they are trying to drive a wedge between Chile and the United States. Internally, they seek economic ruin and chaos. Internationally, they seek to discredit the "Colossus of the North" and to thwart our efforts to strengthen hemisphere unity and defense. To date our most strenuous efforts to help develop Chile economically, in her interest and that of the West have not stopped the communists. They bomb our buildings, insult our Ambassador and burn our flag, and God knows what next.



"The police said for me not to touch a thing till they get here."

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HOW TO PICK A DOCTOR

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the doctor's academic curiosity. Doctors respect the man who patiently investigates every possibility, and calls in outside help when he feels he's over his head. "If I were a patient," writes a noted authority, "I would employ only a doctor whom I heard say at least once, 'I don't know.'"

Patients resent a doctor who "won't do anything for them." Conscientious physicians, on the other hand, are deeply concerned about the frequency with which patients prevail on practitioners to give them unnecessary medicines, unnecessary shots, or even to perform

means first choosing a good hospital. As an impersonal institution known to many doctors in the community, a hospital can't hide behind professional reticence as effectively as an individual. Most physicians will be willing to tell you what they think of the hospitals in the community, frankly pointing out any bias they may have by reason of their own affiliation. As a rule, doctors rate medical men who run private hospitals, where they are not subject to the check of other members of the profession, less highly than those who work in institutions where such checks exist. But many communities would have no hospital facilities if some physician did not provide them.

If you need a doctor in a hurry, a good short cut is to call the biggest and best known hospital in town, ask the administrative office if it is on the approved list of the American Medical Association or the Commission on Hospital Accreditation, and then get the name of the chief of staff. These may not be the best doctors in town, some good doctors are not joiners and hospital affiliations are sometimes denied doctors for reasons that have nothing to do with their ability. But they are sure to be medically competent.

In the 666 counties mentioned earlier, where medical societies have provided systematic emergency service, it is only necessary, of course, to telephone the proper number. The Medical Society of the State of New York has arranged this type of service through 57 of the 61 county societies in the State. Whether you are one of their policy-holders or not, the local office of any big casualty insurance company will be glad to help you find a doctor and medical attention in the event of accident.

Emergencies, and the vexing problem of specialists, too, are easy enough to handle if you have that rare jewel, a trusted family doctor who is your representative with the rest of the medical world. If you are without a doctor because you have moved to a new city, your old doctor can usually guide you to his equal in your new home. But at some time or other most people have to make their own choice.

The man you choose should, of course, be medically competent—a qualification you'll have to take at face value from his record and affiliations—and he must be the "right" doctor for you. As Dr. Gumpert puts it, "Certain doctors fit certain patients."

Obviously, you are the only one who can really tell whether a doctor is going to fit, and considering how important he is, you'd do well to try on several qualified men for size before



"Jack, this is Elroy; Elroy, this is goodbye."

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operations. While all doctors recognize the important psychological value of sugar pills or "placebos," they resent the man who is tempted to make money on a patient's neurotic interest in being treated. They feel it is wrong for a doctor to take advantage of insurance to tie up a hospital bed with a patient who could do as well at home. Worse yet, in professional opinion, is the doctor who lets a patient talk him into trying a new drug or treatment which may do him no harm but cannot help his case.

No doctor will ever tell you which individual does these things, but you can tune in on medical public opinion by roundabout ways. It's bad form to ask a doctor friend to recommend a colleague, but you might be able to find out whom he consults when he or his family is sick.

A more practical approach is to make use of the searching, continuous evaluations that go on in every good hospital, on the assumption that a man must be good to win a place on its staff. That

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settling down with one for as long as you both shall live. A reasonable amount of "shopping" for a doctor is a good thing, points out a bulletin of the Colorado State Medical Society. You can go about it by making a list of qualified doctors and getting acquainted personally with at least two of them by the simple process of having them give you a physical examination. It's neither safe nor medically proper to have two doctors *treat* you at the same time unknown to each other, but a physical check-up involves no treatment. Don't worry that you've committed yourself. "I wish patients didn't have the idea that they own me or I own them," a prominent internal medicine man told me. "If they don't want to be my patients I get mad at them and wish they'd go elsewhere."

Your first step is to make up a list of candidates. You'll be best served by an internal medicine man who specializes in infectious diseases, disturbances of body chemistry, degenerative diseases such as arthritis, high blood pressure, and heart trouble, and the digestive and respiratory systems. Internal medicine is one of the 19 specialties policed by national boards. An internist (not to be confused with an interne or a young doctor working inside a hospital) must spend three to five years after he gets his M.D. in further training and pass a tough examination before he is listed as a diplomat in the *Directory of Medical Specialists*. The central nature of the internal medicine man's field—the vital inside of you—makes him the best man to direct traffic among the specialists he may want to call in for you.

To start your list, call up the county medical society and ask for the names of three internal medicine men near you. Take down, in addition, their medical schools, date of licensing, their hospital affiliations, and the medical societies to which they belong (the sec-

retary who gives you the information can usually tell you which of these are elective honors which indicate professional distinction.) Your county medical society is usually listed in the phone book under the name of the county. If you live in Chemung County, ask information for "Chemung County Medical Society." In some parts of the country you may have to get the local public health office to refer you to the medical group. The volume containing this information, the *American Medical Directory*, is also available in most public libraries and hospitals.

This official information is reassuring, but you'll feel it doesn't tell you what you really want to know. Inevitably, you'll inquire around to see what other people in the community think of the men. Your druggist, your employer, well-informed friends and any specialists you have previously consulted who do not take general patients will have comments, anecdotes, and perhaps even plain gossip to add. A good druggist knows the medical resources of his neighborhood. You'll discount opinion on medical skill from laymen, but you'll build up a valuable picture of each man and the service he renders patients. You'll also hear about other doctors whom you may want to add to your list after checking with the county medical society for the basic information you have on the others. Pretty soon the list will shake down to several whom you feel you'd like to meet.

You'll be forming your opinion of the doctor as soon as you arrive at his office for your check-up. You hope his waiting room is neat and comfortable, but its furnishings and its address are less indicative than the patients waiting in it. Is the nurse friendly, efficient, helpful? Does she schedule appointments so that no one is left to cool his heels for hours on end without explanation? Medical books and journals

won't be among the reading matter provided for patients, but you'll be reassured by any signs that the doctor systematically covers some part of the flood of medical literature prepared to help him keep up to date.

You can learn a great deal about a doctor's philosophy of medicine from the way he examines you as a new and presumably healthy patient. Dr. Harry Johnson, medical director of the Life Extension Examiners, largest organization devoted exclusively to medical check-ups, tells how a generation ago doctors weren't sure that examining well people was really the practice of medicine. Now that the emphasis is on the obscure, degenerative diseases, good doctors get their deepest professional satisfactions from detecting potential trouble when it can be headed off. Since no one lives forever, every one of us is a challenging puzzle. The better we feel, the harder it is to predict the weakest link.

The doctor you want is going to take his time examining you. He will ask you a great many questions and above all he will listen so well that you will find yourself telling him about aches and pains you have dismissed as unimportant. He will write everything down, however trivial it seems. The Life Extension Examiners, who have examined three million well people over a generation, find that many defects are spotted from the innocent-seeming questions the doctor asks before he lays a finger on the examinee.

The good doctor will then proceed to test his hunches. He will measure and weigh you, look into all body openings, listen to your heart, thump your chest, x-ray it, and have your blood and urine analyzed. Some laymen tend to judge a doctor's thoroughness by the number of laboratory tests he puts them through. Actually, there are hundreds of diagnostic procedures, some of them



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uncertain, and many of them extremely complicated, uncomfortable, and expensive. A good doctor will not hesitate to use them if he wants to clear up a suspicion in his own mind. Whether he does his own laboratory work or sends it out is less important than his judgment on which tests to make and what the results mean.

When you are dressed and back at his desk it is your turn to ask questions. After you are satisfied that you understand your present condition, you have a right to ask the doctor about himself. Does he spend part of his time teaching in a medical school or serving in a free clinic? What are his office hours? What is the best time to reach him by phone? Is he available around the clock for home visits? If not, who takes care of his practice when he cannot come himself or when he is away? What conditions does he ordinarily refer to specialists? What are his hospital connections? To what hospital would he send you if you had to go? What would it cost?

Your doctor will bless you for coming right out and asking, "How much is this examination costing me? What do you ordinarily charge for office visits, for home visits?" He will bless you because he is the victim of a noble tradition that forbids him even to wonder whether he will get paid—a tradition which is unhappily not shared by his grocer and landlord. He'll treat you or see that you are treated whatever your circumstances, but he'll do it with unusual feelings of cheerfulness if you extricate him from his deep personal embarrassment over living in a world of barter and trade.

This is the time and place to tell all about that very important subject, your income and outgo. Your doctor wants to know, because financial worry can aggravate a physical disorder. One brilliant diagnostician ascribes many current ills to "money sickness." Then, too, he'll be better able to plan with you when a catastrophic illness occurs if he gets a clear picture of you as an economic man while you're in a position to make sense about it. You have nothing to fear in being frank. At some time or another every doctor has taken the great oath of Hippocrates, swearing "by Apollo physician, by Aesculapius, by health, by panacea, and by all the gods and goddesses, making them my witnesses, that . . . whatsoever I shall see or hear in the course of my profession, as well as outside of my profession in my intercourse with men, if it be what should not be published abroad, I will never divulge, holding such things to be holy secrets."

While an old proverb says "a physician who demands no fee is worth none," most doctors temper their charges to your pocketbook, setting a

top figure to curb a natural temptation to overcharge the rich. Many of them welcome voluntary health insurance plans which pay part of their fees and all of them are relieved to have patients who are protected by hospital insurance. Others are glad to arrange for installment payments of the staggering bills catastrophic illness can bring. One obstetrician spreads his fee over the months of waiting for the stork so that the baby is all paid for when it arrives. His relieved mothers-to-be call it the "pay as you grow" plan. Ask about these possibilities for meeting unusual doctor bills so that you'll know just where he stands.

Your final decision will feel like a snap one. There are no rules for weighing the different factors any more than there are rules for choosing friends. The friendliness and sympathy of one man may outweigh, in your feelings, the superior training of another. Affiliation with a hospital which you irrationally dislike or a manner that "rubs you the wrong way" may prejudice you against a doctor who you know is able. You may come away not quite satisfied with the account you have been given of your present physical condition, or you may feel that the doctor doesn't really like you or isn't really willing to take enough time with you. Respect those feelings even if they seem cock-eyed. Both you and the doctor you choose are investing a lot more than the price of a physical check-up in the relationship. Even though the first doctor you visit seems all right, you'll be safer to go through the routine with another—not to check on the medical findings of the first, but to check on yourself.

Choosing a doctor, then, is a little like choosing a wife. The wedding is only the beginning of a long and vital relationship which literally will add years to your life and life to your years. A long book could be written on how to treat your doctor while he is treating you, and several have been. In *Are These Our Doctors?* Evelyn Barkins, a doctor's wife, sums it up in a sentence. "All social conduct in a doctor's office," she writes, "should be predicated upon the doctor's fellow membership in the human race." A doctor is as grateful and appreciative as the next man to the ordinary courtesies of life. Send him a greeting card, invite him to social gatherings if you think he would enjoy them, and let him know when you recover by following his advice.

In his authoritative book, *You and Your Doctor*, Dr. Gumpert spells out the relationship more specifically with a set of commandments for patients and doctors.

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lect your doctor carefully. 2. Don't desert him if you find him satisfactory. 3. Ask him questions. 4. Follow his prescriptions. 5. Don't cheat him. 6. Don't expect witchcraft. 7. See him while you are healthy. 8. Assist him as a partner. 9. Keep your own health file. 10. Respect his time and work.

Dr. Gumpert has another 10 for doctors: 1. Don't keep your patient waiting. 2. Discuss your fee frankly with him. 3. Explain disease and treatment to him. 4. Let the patient talk. 5. Don't ask the impossible of him. 6. Don't divide your attention. 7. Know his family.

8. Tell him the truth. 9. Relieve his anxiety. 10. Try to like him.

If you suffer from a condition that is chronic, and perhaps the best that can be hoped for is an arrest of its advance, it is doubly important that you have a physician who is not only competent but friendly and encouraging as well. Your choice may make all the difference in the world in your response.

Robert Louis Stevenson, who fought a lifelong battle against tuberculosis in pre-wonder-drug years, felt that he owed his life, his career and his fame to his doctors. He dedicated one of

his books to his physician and to the profession penned this tribute: "There are men and classes of men that stand above the common herd; the soldier, the sailor, and the shepherd not infrequently; the artist rarely; rarer still, the clergyman; the physician almost as a rule. He is the flower . . . of our civilization. Generosity he has, such as is possible to those who practice an art, never to those who drive a trade; discretion tested by a hundred secrets; tact, tried in a thousand embarrassments; and what is more important, Herculean cheerfulness and courage . . ." THE END

THE MAN FROM LAS CRUCES

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answer to the problem of getting help.

Dubious at first, Seaborn decided he liked real estate when soon after starting in at the end of 1945, he sold a farm that netted a \$1500 profit. He was certain he liked the work when, soon afterward, he bought a farm which shortly produced an even greater profit. His father-in-law was equally pleased and they formed a partnership.

However, Collins was not content merely to deal in real estate and insurance. He saw that things were happening around Las Cruces that would change the whole complexion of the community. Not far distant was Alamogordo, where they had done a lot of work on the first atom bomb that was ever fired. Important work was still being done at the Army base there. And at White Sands Proving Ground, just north of Las Cruces, large numbers of scientists and specialists were engaged in top-secret work on guided missiles and rockets.

Those people, and many more who would follow them there, would need housing, so Seaborn Collins started planning accordingly. However, his father-in-law was not as enthusiastic as he was about getting into home building, so they decided to dissolve their partnership. On his own, then, Collins started projecting developments which would take care of the many people who kept coming to his real estate office trying to buy or rent houses which were seldom to be had.

The first houses went up in 1949. As one of his neighbors tells it: "Other builders sat around waiting for the government to declare Las Cruces an emergency defense area so money would be available for them to build. Collins didn't wait. I don't know where he begged or borrowed the money but he went right ahead and put up a lot of houses when houses were desperately needed."

To date he has built about 500 homes in a community that has a population crowding 18,000—almost double what

it was when he started his first housing development. And they're good houses, ranging in price from \$7000 to \$25,000, but mostly in the under-\$10,000 bracket.

All of them are distinctive and well constructed, with central air conditioning and heating units, name brand refrigerators, ranges and other accessories. About 300 more are about to be built.

But if you think that this makes Seaborn Collins just a builder and seller of houses, that isn't quite the story. He puts it this way: "I consider myself essentially a businessman, with several enterprises, all closely related."

A run-down of his enterprises will give you an idea of the way Seaborn Collins operates in putting things together. He has a real estate and insurance office, the Seaborn P. Collins Agency. The home building is done by Southwestern Builders, Inc. Building materials are handled by his Southwestern Lumber & Builders Supply, Inc. To deal in rental property he has the Mesa Investment Co., Inc., and another thriving operation is the Mesilla Valley Construction Co., Inc., which does road-building. As this is written he has another project ready to go—the Mesilla Valley Savings & Loan Association. He is president of all these, but so well organized are they that he is anything but tied down with them—a fact that is obvious when you consider how much time he has given to the Legion.

The secret? One Las Crucer gave this answer: "Seaborn Collins has a faculty of being able to spot things that ought to be done, then figuring out how they can be best done, and then getting the kind of people that can do things right."

Seaborn Collins himself credits the people he has working for him. Only because of them, he says, was it possible for him to take the time to become National Commander.

"Not only has my business not suffered because of the time I have given The American Legion; it has gone ahead. Maybe in my position I'm an exception, but I can't help thinking of

that when I hear a Legionnaire beg off from some minor task by claiming that he's too busy."

Certainly there is no record that Seaborn Collins has ever begged off when called upon by fellow-Legionnaires or anyone else. His father-in-law lost no time in signing him up in Post 10 when he got to Las Cruces, and took him to his first meeting late in 1945. Then he undertook to serve as his unofficial campaign manager. As a result, Collins became the first WW2 Commander of the Post, first WW2 Area D Commander in New Mexico, and the first WW2 Department Commander in New Mexico. He served for four years as chairman of National Security of the Department, four years as vice chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Department, four years as a member of the Finance Committee of the Department, and four years as director of the Department's Boys State. Moving into National, he served one year on the National Housing Committee, three years as vice chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee, and later as chairman of the National Security Commission. He is also a member of Voiture 1346, Forty and Eight.

There's more to Seaborn Collins' American Legion work, though, than the foregoing list of titles would indicate. Soon after he joined Post 10, his fellow Legionnaires realized that here was a man who not only had ideas but was remarkably gifted in the way he could express them. So he was called upon increasingly to represent the Post in Department affairs. And in the natural course of events, he started representing The American Legion to the public and when it was necessary to get something across to government officials or others.

"It got so," said Collins, "that there was something doing once a week or oftener."

All this led inevitably to the National Commandership. One evening he was called upon to make a speech before a

group in Roswell. When he finished his talk he was congratulated by Robert A. Marr, Department Adjutant, and Reed Mulkey, veteran National Executive Committeeman. "You're going to be National Commander someday," said Mulkey. That was more than three years ago. Collins says that was the first time the idea ever entered his mind, but that's another thing about him. Once he makes up his mind to do something he wastes no time getting it done.

Indeed, he has no time to waste. One would think that with a large and expanding business, plus a large volume of American Legion work on the side, he'd forego other activities. But somehow, in addition, he manages to take an active part in such community affairs as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Red Cross, March of Dimes, Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Blood Bank, and local hospital work.

His connection with these organizations, incidentally, is not just honorary, and some of them call for a great deal of time and effort. Such as his chairmanship of the Fourth Army Advisory Committee, a liaison group between military officials at White Sands and the civilians of Las Cruces and vicinity. He is also a director of the National Association of Home Builders and an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

With all these roots now anchoring him, Seaborn Collins, as befits a man who served for two years as President of the Mesilla Valley Chamber of Commerce, is an ardent Las Cruces. And proving that he practices what he preaches about his attractive and fast-growing community, he has settled his entire family there.

Of course Lelia Jane, his wife, was with him when he first moved and started selling real estate. And today

the Collins family now numbers four, with nine-year-old Rex and three-year-old Kay. But Seaborn Collins, thorough in all things, also persuaded his brother James to move to Las Cruces, and he is now managing the lumber yard and builders supply business. In addition he got his sister, Mrs. Sarah Emeric, to move there, and this helped the town's growth since she has three children.

To complete the Collins exodus from Texas, he persuaded his mother to come on to Las Cruces when his father died in 1950, and settled her in the first of the hundreds of houses he has built. Once a teacher of college Latin and Greek, she occupies herself giving piano lessons to her grandchildren.

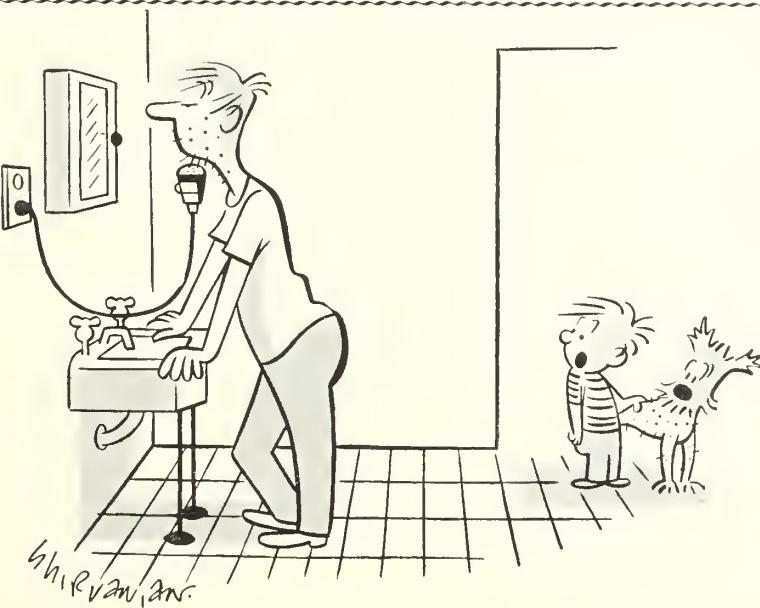
What kind of National Commander will Seaborn Collins make? Possibly there is a clue in a resolution that was adopted by his local Chamber of Commerce when, in 1951, he finished four years as a director of the organization. Part of the resolution follows:

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— NORMAN GREY

Fair Enough

Two ex-GI's bought a racing greyhound with the idea of sharing its winnings. It was entered in six races and in every race it finished last. Finally they decided to get rid of the dog, so they took him for a walk. Arriving at a river bank, one of them said in disgust:

"That mutt can't race. Let's throw him in the river!"

The other looked into the appealing eyes of the unfortunate canine.

"Aw, we can't do that," he replied. "But, I'll tell you what . . . Let's run away from him!"

— F. G. KERNAN



"Of course I wouldn't trade you for anyone else. Besides, who would go for a deal like that?"

A Curious View

In a small church in southern Illinois, a bus driver came in at the beginning of the service and sat in the very first row. After the sermon the preacher went to the man and asked him why he sat in the first row all alone. The bus driver remarked "I sat up here to see what you did to make everyone move to the back."

— JIM R. WHITLOCK

Not Much to Say

Walter is the silent kind.
The reason is, he speaks his mind.

— NITA BLAGG

All That and Much More

The father of a certain charming and beautiful girl who lived in a small town in the middle west was known far and wide around the area as being the stingiest man of his era. The girl had been going with a young man for some time and finally the youth called on the father to obtain his permission to marry the girl.



PARTING SHOTS

"Huh!" snorted the father. "So you want to marry my daughter, eh?"

"Very much indeed," replied the young man.

"Well, I don't know," said the father. "Do you think you can support her in the style to which she has been accustomed?"

"I can, sir," replied the young man, "but I'm not mean enough to do it!"

— DAN BENNETT

Ramblers

*The trouble with plants
That I train up a trellis
Is the way they prefer
To climb anything else.*

RICHARD ARMOUR

How to Be Ill

While he was playing with another youngster who complained of not feeling well, I overheard our five-year-old remark

with cold contempt, "What's wrong with you is just a psychosomatic disease." Stunned by this sudden burst of intellectualism, I interrupted to ask him if he knew what a psychosomatic disease was. "Oh, yes," he replied smugly, "It's something you don't have until you've got time to think it up."

— J. C. KINGSLY

Hard to Take

*This would be a much happier world
if we were not burdened with excess
prophets.*

— JACK HERBERT

Looking Glass

*Garment fabrics made of glass will be on
the market before long. — News Item*

*Cease the glances fit to kill
On girls too fat — too thin, too.
Soon comes the day glass dresses will
Be something to look into.*

— MARY ALKUS

Youth Will Be Served

A young man falling heir to an old army uniform which had belonged to his older brother took the garment to a cleaning and dyeing establishment to have them transformed into something more suitable for civilian wear.

"Can you dye these?" he asked the clerk.

"Oh, yes," the other replied. "We can give you a choice of several colors."

"Good!" agreed the youthful patron. "Then suppose you dye 'em brown with a pin stripe."

— ADRIAN ANDERSON

For Crying Out Loud

*The radio waves are throbbing
With songs that fill the ear
With sounds of lovers sobbing
And weeping in their beer.*

*I get the pip when torch-songs drip
With teardrops by the cup;
Their sad tales told just leave me cold
And also burn me up.*

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